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"And I'll tell it and think it and speak it and breathe it,
And reflect it from the mountain
so all souls can see it...."
-Bob Dylan

Student assaulted in Little Pub: assailant arrested & expelled

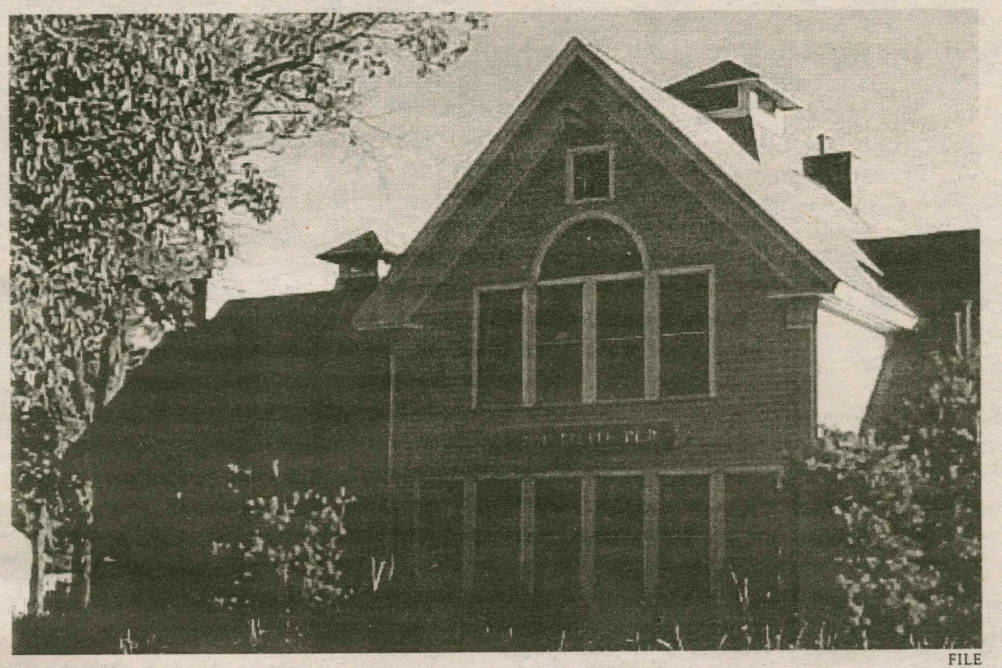
By W.J. Gormley'01
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

A Hamilton College student was involved in an assault in the Little Pub that resulted in his arrest, imprisonment and withdrawal from the college.

The assailant, Anthony Diamond'02, struck a female student on the side of her head with a glass mug in the early morning hours of Sunday, September 23. He then threw the mug at the mirrored bar back before leaving the scene.

The Kirkland Police arrested Diamond that evening and he was charged with assault in the 3rd degree and criminal mischief, both Class A misdemeanors. The victim, was brought to St, Luke's Hospital for treatment and was released that same morning.

Diamond, 21, of Brooklyn, NY, was unable to post the $750 bail and spent three days in Oneida County Jail awaiting an appearance in Kirkland Town Court. He pled guilty and was sentenced to 60 days in Oneida County Jail; (to serve two thirds plus time served). In addition he was instructed to make full restitution for the damages to the Little Pub in the amount of $175. Diamond also voluntarily withdrew from the college that evening in response to a letter from Florence Mitchell, dean of students.



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An assault that occured has made the Pub the center of attention yet again.

According to eyewitness and police reports, Diamond entered the Pub late Saturday evening. He quietly sat at the end of the bar and ordered a beer. He then drank a coke and asked for another beer. After the bartender checked Diamond's ID, he was served a beer and then proceeded from the bar to the dance floor.

Diamond spilled some of his beer on the victim. The victim then slapped Diamond. He responded by striking her on the side of her head with his now empty pub mug.

According to sources, if the victim had not dropped her head in reaction, it is likely that the blow would have landed on her face. Diamond then exited out the Pub's main entrance throwing his glass in the general direction of the bar. The bartender ducked down and the glass sailed over his head striking the mirrored shelving behind the bar breaking both the mirrored backing and two ornamental beer steins in the process.

According to one witness who was in the other room of the Pub, "I couldn't see what was going on but I heard a loud pop, and then breaking glass." Other witnesses have complimented the Pub and the professional manner in which they handled the situation.

The incident occurred at approximately 1:45 am Sunday morning. According to sources, Diamond was located and forced to meet with college officials by 2:45 am. He was temporarily suspended until college judicial action could be taken.

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"Let there be cable!"

By Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS WRITER

After years of debate and discussion Hamilton College students are finally getting cable access in their dorms.

President Eugene Tobin consulted with the Student Assembly, Information Technology Services, faculty, and the Board of Trustees before deciding to make cable, including TV-5 foreign language station, available in all dorms by the start of the Spring Semester. Expanded foreign language programming and satellite video conferencing will be available by next summer.

"I know it's really dorky, but I can't wait to see the news," says Elizabeth Schroth '04. Other students' most anticipated shows included *The Simpsons, Felicity, and MTV.*

Student Assembly, under the leadership of president John O'Keeffe '01 and vice president Dave Bugliari '01, started the process of getting cable last Spring at a meeting with the Board of Trustees.

"We (the Student Assembly) had really been given the impression that cable was a dead issue, but we brought it up anyway. The Trustees, pretty much across the board, were unaware that we did not have it already," said Bugliari. "One even asked, 'Well, how do you watch CNN?' I told him we didn't." This began a series of discussions, which culminated in Tobin's decision.

Before the proposal gained approval, a number of technical and economical aspects had to be considered, including what stations students should have access to and which provider to use.

According to Dave Smallen, director of ITS, an additional concern was how cable could be used in the classrooms. "There are a number of ways this can be used in academics and that was part of why the decision was made now. Mostly, things just take a lot longer than people imagine, but they eventually get done."

Dean of Students Nancy Thompson reiterated Smallen's response, "Seldom are proposals for anything approved on the first try. So it is not surprising that it took some time to gain support."

Concerns raised about allowing cable access in the dorms included cost to the college and more philosophical issues such as the impact on community life, says Thompson. However, most students say that having cable will not hurt social life. "The social life on campus is perfectly safe," said Andrew Horner '03, "cable won't help it, but it certainly won't hurt it."

"Its not like people are going to sit in on a Saturday night just to watch TV. Instead of getting together to socialize in rooms, they'll socialize and watch TV," said Alex Cutler '04.

Bugliari says having cable provides students with another option for things to do. "The school is trying to create social options that don't involve drinking and TV is definitely one option. Cable is not the answer, but its an option."

Bugliari considers this a victory for the Student Assembly, "Most people dont know what the Assembly does. This is kind of a monumental thing and it wasn't just the leaders, it was the whole Assembly working for this."

Although cable access officially begins in January, Smallen says it is possible that it will be available earlier.

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Tragic student death leaves community mourning

By Ana Maria Fernandez '03
with Laura Keller '03
SPECIAL TO THE SPECTATOR

This past Tuesday, October 3, 2000, Matthew William Houlihan, a beloved member of the class of 2003, passed away in the early morning.

Matt, or Houli, as he was affectionately called, stayed on campus over the fall break in order to practice with the varsity crew team. Houli was an excellent oarsman and the stroke seat of the men's varsity eight crew. Matt Houlihan was found around 8:30 in the morning by his roommate as he was getting ready to attend a 9 am crew practice on Tuesday.

Houli had spent the previous night eating pizza and wings and watching a movie with other members of the crew team. All of those present attest to having a fun night and talk of the fun Matt was having. His roommate noted that around 4 a.m., he got up to get a drink of water and Matt awoke, sat up and said, "What's up, Buddy?" before going back to sleep.

Houlihan was taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital where an autopsy was performed in hopes of determining the time and cause of his death. The autopsy was ultimatley inconclusive.

Matthew Houlihan was in the class of '99 at Tabor Academy, in Marion, Massachusetts and was a native of Falmouth, MA. Houli was a well-loved member of his class and he touched many people's lives here at Hamilton, in his hometown and at Tabor.

His family has arranged for a wake on Thursday, October 5, and funeral services on Friday, October 6 in thier home town.

This weekend, the crew team is hosting a regatta on the Erie canal in Rome, NY, and have decided to dedicate the regatta to Houli's memory.

A number of the Hamilton Crew team alumni have returned to the Hill to honor Houli this weekend. Also, the new varsity women's rowing shell will be named for Houli at a later date.

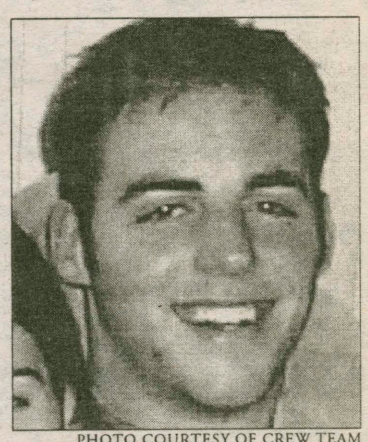

PHOTO COURTESY OF CREW TEAM

Matthew William Houlihan was loved by his fellow students.

Matthew, besides being a member of the crew team here on campus, was a member of the Chi Psi fraternity.

Houli was a person who never tired of giving his undivided attention to people. Matt was always the first to volunteer his time to help teammates, friends, and his coaches and was one of a kind. Matt had an outgoing spirit and sense of fun and humor.

Houli had the ability to bring people together; he got along well with everyone. There wasn't a person who knew him and did not like him. Houli had the ability to give personal attention to anyone whenever they needed him no matter what he was involved with at the time.

Houli was a great listener, a great friend, a great leader, a great student-athlete, and a very spirited, kindhearted person. Houli cared for the people around him. Matt was a happy person who loved the movie "The Big Lebowski" and joking around with friends.

Matt Houlihan is someone who will always be remembered very fondly; he is missed very much and has made a huge impact here on campus among us all.

Diamond '02 arressted

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Officer Sean Yoxall responded for the KPD and arrested Diamond at 4:25 am.

Dan English, chief of the Kirkland Police commented, " We consider this to be a barroom brawl...the Little Pub is no different from any other pub or tavern in the Town of Kirkland. Where there is alcohol there are going to be problems and mischief." Chief English added, "This seems like an isolated incident...he [Diamond] was not falling down drunk. This is more of an individual problem."

Eugene Tobin, president of the College, commended that "like every member of the community I find such behavior inappropriate and unacceptable." Dean Mitchell joined him in condemning the assault "There is no place in our campus community for this violence and as a community we can not let it be tolerated." She also commented "This is an act of an individual and not a reflection on a group."

Mitchell also commented on the decision to allow Diamond to withdraw as opposed to appearing before the J-board. "It was done in conjunction and communication with the J-Board Chair. The J-board was involved in the process." Mitchell wanted to clearly indicate that "we were not side stepping our own judicial process."

The Spectator has learned that this is not the first time Diamond had dealings with the college judicial system. Sources have indicated that Diamond has a record that includes several incidents of harassment of some female residents in the Bundy Residence Hall at the end of last year. These incidents resulted in Diamond being barred from the residence hall for the final two weekends of that semester.

Rebecca Reed Kantrowitz, Assistant Dean of Students, Director of Residential Life and advisor to the Judicial Board could not comment on Diamond's previous judicial history for reasons of confidentiality. Kantrowitz did comment that "In working with the friends of the victim, I was very impressed with how they handled it."

Next week's news....

- Ashley Lee follows up her alcohol policy piece.
- Tatum speaks on campus
- Race relations groups on campus

NY2K garnering attention

by Sarah Karalunas '04
NEWS WRITER

NY2K is out to make a little noise. "We really haven't made enough noise as a generation. There's no real reason for politicians to push for us yet," said Ben Pastor '01, one of the founders of the NY2K independent study project.

NY2K started in the spring of 2000 when a group of three Hamilton students and Associate Professor of Government Philip Klinkner wanted to know more about political attitudes of 18-24 year olds. The group now contains 11 students. Their immediate goal is to increase political awareness and voter turnout among youth in the November Senate election.

The first NY2K sponsored event this year, a reception where students could watch the televised Hillary Clinton (D) and Rick Lazio (R) Senate debate, drew over 80 students: "We were surprised that there was that much response from New Yorkers and non-New Yorkers alike," said Pastor.

"It (the reception) was really packed. You had to move stuff to stand," said Maurice Michaane '03, a member of the NY2K team.

NY2K will bring Lazio to campus "sometime in the next few weeks." "We have his promise and we'll know a couple days ahead of time when he's going to be here," said Pastor. Clinton has not yet committed to coming to campus, but the group is still working and says her appearance is "a good possibility." Although students in NY2K originally planned a debate, the two candidates will come on separate days to address students.

After the November election the group plans to track the term of the elected Senator. However, their main focus will shift to the broader issue of studying the political attitudes of youth by conducting a phone poll with questions written by NY2K members. Funded through the President's Office, the poll will "focus on both specific issues and also more general awareness questions," says John O'Keeffe '01. The questions will try to determine the youth stance on issues such as gun control or how a candidate's drug history affects how the youth views him/her. In addition, there are questions about how trusting youth are of politicians and how easily accessible voting is for youth. O'Keeffe has few expectations about the results: "After being here (at Hamilton) for four years, my view of youth is skewed. It's mostly white and wealthy and everyone is high school educated. Who knows what we'll find when we look at all different youths from 50 different states."

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Ben Pastor '01, Prof. Phil Klinkner, Jess Vilsack '00, Chris MacPherson '00, Kara Wilson '00 comprised the original NY2K staff.

The website (http://ny2k.hamilton.edu) features recent news articles about the candidates, opinion columns by staff members, links to the candidates' official websites, and a link for students to register to vote.

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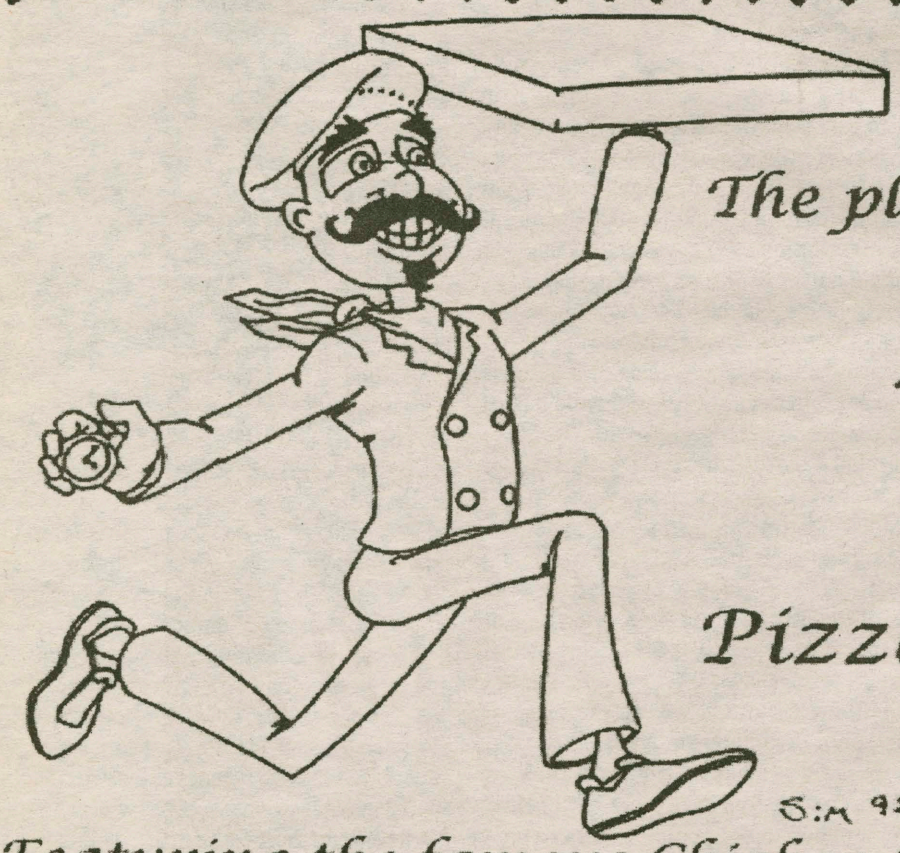

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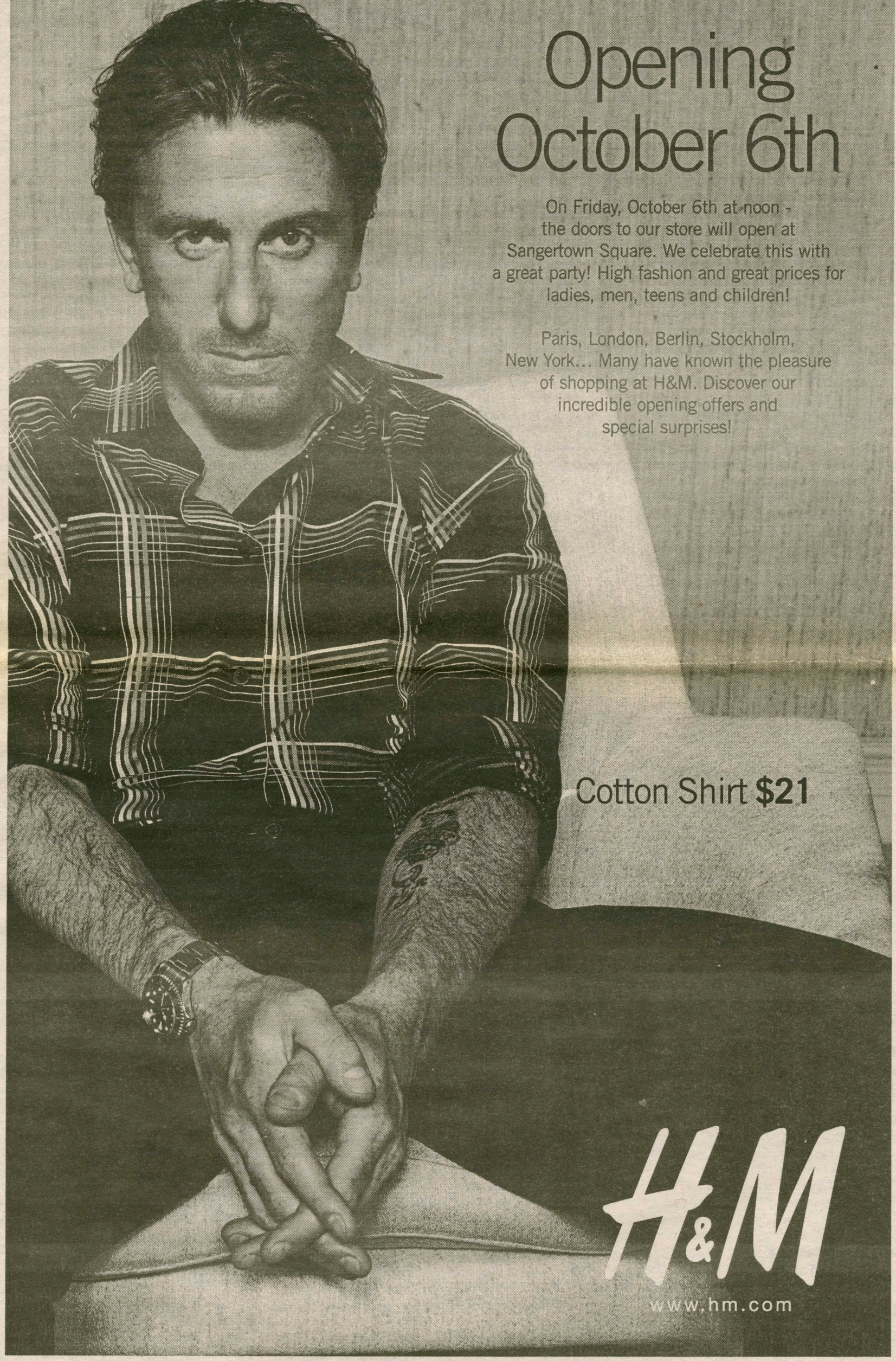
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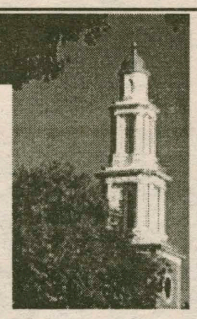


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Eco-friendly college dorm

ASHLAND, Wis. (AP) — Dorm life is a little different for 90 students at Northland College: their "living laboratory" features a 120-foot-tall wind generator, solar panels, recycled furniture and waterless toilets.

The small liberal arts college near Lake Superior touts its $4.1 million Environmental Living and Learning Center as one of the most advanced "green" residence halls in the United States.

The ECCO House. AP

"It's great — it's such a way of life already," said Kelsey Forrest, 19, of Burnsville, Minn. An environmental studies major, she shares an apartment in the dormitory with five other women.

When Northland began considering a new dorm several years ago, students insisted it be environmentally efficient. "Students were saying, 'Don't just teach us. Show us,"' said Tom Wojciechowski, the director of student development.

The dorm opened in 1998. Among its features:

—About 8 percent of its electricity is generated by the 20-kilowatt wind tower and three solar arrays.

—Fourteen solar panels on the roof preheat hot water, cutting those costs nearly 30 percent.

—Some furniture, including the bed frames, desks and bathroom counters, is made from recycled milk jugs or soybean hulls and newsprint.

—Organic-based linoleum covers the floor instead of petroleum-based vinyl.

A handwritten sign above one of the waterless compost toilets would have been pertinent decades ago in an outhouse: "Hey composter: Remember to put a handful of wood chips in and close the lid when done."

At least 130 hurt in Miss bus crash

OLIVE BRANCH, Miss. (AP) — Two buses and a van carrying Clark-Atlanta University students to an out-of-state football game collided Saturday, sending at least 130 people to area hospitals, police said.

No one was killed, and the injuries were not considered life-threatening.

The wreck occurred about 9 a.m. about 12 miles south of Memphis, Tenn., Olive Branch Police Sgt. Bill Sanders said.

Sanders said traffic had been slowed on the highway because officers were cleaning up debris from an 18-wheeler crash that occurred before dawn.

"The lead bus had to stop due to traffic. The second bus veered to left to avoid an accident, but the third bus struck the van, which in turn ran into the first bus," Sanders said.

The vehicles were carrying cheerleaders, university band members, and fans traveling to Memphis for Clark-Atlanta's game against Lane College on Saturday night.

Police said those who were not hurt were placed on the second bus to continue the trip.

Sanders said the accident was cleaned up about noon and the road was re-opened.

Student charged in gallaudet death

WASHINGTON (AP) — A fellow Gallaudet University student was charged Tuesday in the beating death of a freshman who was deaf, had cerebral palsy and was a leader of a gay campus group.

Police arrested Thomas Minch, 18, of Greenland, N.H., also a freshman at the nation's only university for the deaf and hearing-impaired. He was charged with second-degree murder in the death of Eric Franklin Plunkett, 19.

Police said the men had a personal dispute that erupted in a physical fight that led to Plunkett's death.

Students at Gallaudet expressed shock at the news of Minch's arrest.

"He's a sweet, nice guy," Chris Kaftan said of Minch. "It's hard to imagine he would do something like that."

Minch took part in vigils to remember Plunkett. On his personal Web site, he posted this sentiment: "In loving memory of Eric Franklin Plunkett. May his soul be in Heaven!"

Plunkett was found in his dormitory room Thursday night after a student had asked a school official to check on him when he had not been seen for more than a day. Police say Plunkett appeared to have died of blows to the head.

Police also won't discuss motive in the slaying or whether Plunkett's involvement in a campus gay group was a factor.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled By Sarah Karalunas '04

Britain's classic mini car ends run

LONDON (AP) — The Mini, a boxy pup of a car that wowed the Beatles and came to symbolize the Swinging Sixties, entered automotive history when the last of its 41-year pedigree — No. 5,387,862 — rolled off the production line Wednesday.

Conceived as a thrifty "people's car" during a 1950s fuel crisis, the 10-foot-long Mini earned the devotion of legions of British baby boomers eager to flaunt their individuality.

John Lennon drove a psychedelic red, white and green Mini, fashion designer Mary Quant produced a customized model and Michael Caine used one to heist gold bullion in "The Italian Job."

"In the'60s it was the thing to be seen in. From the village midwife to the celebrity, it was the car to have. It still is," said shop assistant Trina Davies, who together with her husband owns four of the cars.

Produced in nearly 140 different models, the Mini outlasted several corporate owners before ending its days at the MG Rover Group factory in Longbridge, Birmingham.

MG Rover has retooled its plant to build a luxury sedan, the Rover 75, and Germany's BMW will introduce a completely new version of the Mini next year at its factory in nearby Oxford.

But it's the classic Mini that endures as an automotive icon.

China targets cartoons

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — In the struggle for the hearts and minds of China's children, Han Fengfang is a warrior with a fountain pen.

Han's post is at a drafting table at the Shanghai Animation Studio. In slow, sure strokes on clear plastic, the 25-year veteran artist draws one more frame of a new cartoon. Then she starts the next, inching the studio closer to its goal: a place alongside Walt Disney Co. and other leaders of the global animation industry.

An artist draws a draft of a cartoon character. AP

Cartoons are serious business for China — both a promising export and a tool to turn back a flood of imported children's pop culture that stirs deep unease among communist leaders who look on entertainment as an ideological tool.

"Government officials don't want to see foreign cartoons in front of 250 million Chinese children," said William Brent, president of China Entertainment Network, a media consultancy in Shanghai. "There are countless decrees saying, 'Animation for Chinese children should be made by Chinese."'

Shanghai Animation is China's leading challenger in this contest. Founded in 1957, it merged with six other state firms last year to create a cartoon conglomerate. With more than 200 artists, China's culture mandarins hope it can compete with big foreign rivals.

Cops puzzled over drug submarine

FACATATIVA, Colombia (AP) — Lt. Javier Uribe, a policeman with a buzz cut and a good dose of curiosity, peered through a hole on the rusted metal door of the warehouse. In the dim light he spotted what looked like huge metal containers.

For weeks, Uribe had been on the trail of thieves who were digging down to underground pipelines and stealing gasoline. He figured the fuel was being stored in the warehouse, and mounted a stakeout.

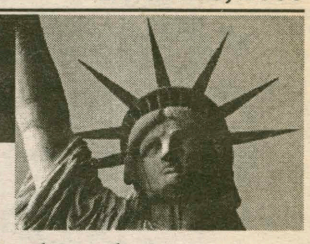
Four days later, on Sept. 6, no one had yet shown up, so the police broke into the place.

They were dumbfounded by what they found.

The huge metal cylinders were not storage tanks at all — they were sections of a submarine. Once completed, it could have ferried some 150 tons of cocaine to the United States and elsewhere with almost no risk of being detected.

Colombian and American law enforcement officials swarmed in on helicopters to investigate and also to marvel at the sheer audacity of the scheme: to build a submarine 8,000 feet high in the Andes Mountains and then, presumably, truck it at least 210 miles to the ocean, section by section.

NATIONAL NEWS



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Doctors offered penmanship classes

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — He's a veteran physician who works as a trauma surgeon. Just don't ask Dr. Sheldon Brotman to write a legible prescription.

That's why he's here, sitting in a handwriting class at Atlantic City Medical Center, learning how to hold his pen, position his paper and put a sharp angle on his "z" so it doesn't look like an "s."

"My signature is always a problem down at the pharmacy," Brotman said.

Long winked at as a harmless peccadillo, poor penmanship among health care providers is increasingly being diagnosed as a threat to patients.

Now, some of them are being sent back to school in hopes of eliminating the illegible. Such chicken scratch can become a prescription for tragedy.

Experts say up to 25 percent of medication errors may be related to illegible handwriting: A pharmacist misreads an illegible prescription, one drug is mixed up with another.

Last year, a Texas jury ordered a doctor, drugstore and pharmacist to pay $450,000 to the family of a man who died after the pharmacist misread the doctor's handwritten prescription.

Also last year the Institute of Medicine, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences, reported that medical mistakes overall — including those stemming from unreadable notes from doctors — may cause up to 98,000 deaths a year in the United States. Other researchers later termed those numbers exaggerated, but the authors stood by their report.

"It's no longer a laughing matter," handwriting expert Barbara Getty said. "If an accountant makes a mistake, someone loses some money. But with a doctor, it can cost someone their life."

Teen admits contaminating fast-food

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (AP) — A former Burger King employee admitted using oven cleaner and spit to contaminate Whopper sandwiches that sickened a sheriff's deputy.

Daniel Musson, 18, also said Tuesday that an 18-year-old co-worker told him she urinated on a Whopper.

Musson pleaded guilty to a felony charge of first-degree tampering with a consumer product. Sentencing is Nov. 29.

Police said he and two others contaminated food over eight months ending in late April at the New York State Thruway restaurant 12 miles southwest of Rochester.

In court, Musson admitted spraying oven cleaner on two Whoppers before Scott B. Savino broiled them. When he asked Savino, 20, if the sandwiches had been served. Savino laughed, Musson said.

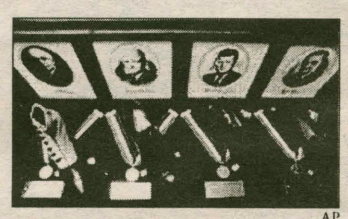
Musson also said he spit on a cooked Whopper. He said Janet M. LaDuca took a Whopper into a restroom, then returned and said she had urinated on it.

All three employees were fired in May after another worker reported the tampering to a manager and the deputy suffered diarrhea and nausea.

Musson is expected to testify against LaDuca and Savino, Monroe County prosecutor James Wolford said. In exchange, he faces a sentence of six months to three years behind bars. He could have gotten up to four years.

Presidential footwear on display

BOSTON (AP) — Al Gore and George W. Bush think they want to walk in the shoes of an American president. Apparently, they haven't seen the white bucks that graced Woodrow Wilson's feet or the two-tone button-up spats worn by Warren Harding.



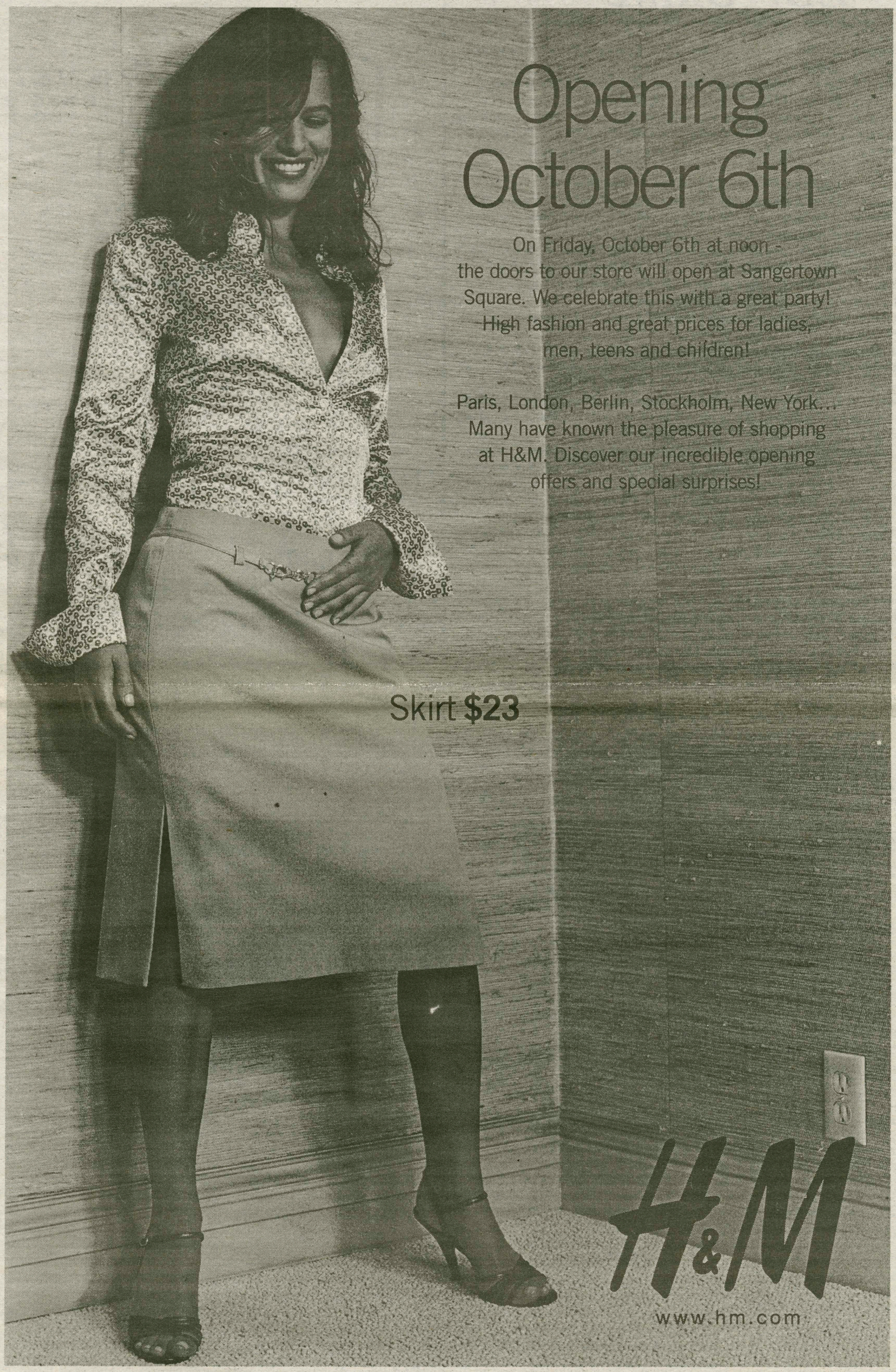
From left, shoes belonging to Harding, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson. AP

They'll have an opportunity to view those shoes and others when they meet for their first debate Oct. 3 at the University of Massachusetts at Boston, where the "first footwear" of 12 U.S. presidents is on exhibit.

Like the men who walked on them, each presidential foot has its own quirks.

Lyndon Johnson needed two different sizes — 11 and 11 1/2 — because one foot was larger than the other. Abraham Lincoln, whose size 14 lace-up boots are on display, had the largest foot of any president.

Gerald Ford, bowing to 1970s relaxed styles, wore scuffed, casual brown chukka boots.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Editorial

Trustees are omnipresent this weekend, and we take this opportunity to provide them with some useful information.

This weekend also brings many Hamilton graduates back to Clinton. Alumni are always eager to find out from students how Hamilton is surviving these days.

One of the first things that alumni always want to know about is the social life here at Hamilton. Are there are a lot of parties? What's going on with the fraternities? Is that lawsuit still going on? Where are the new social spaces? Are they any good? Are the students having fun?

The answers to these questions are at the administration's fingertips.

Trustees can also mingle with students and discuss how students are feeling about their social options. If the trustees want to know the truth, they will discover that most students are disappointed with the current social scene.

Why? There are a number of reasons that students are dismayed with the social life. Over five years ago, the administration handed down the infamous Residential Life Decision.

We are all aware of the results. No more fraternity houses. No, we are not going to harp on that issue and whether or not it was good or bad for Hamilton.

However, it is important to note how the social life has changed, for the worse, since that decision in 1995.

The administration was sick of fraternities dominating the social scene. However, after eliminating frat houses, President Tobin and the Trustees never created viable social options to replace the houses.

Yes, we've read the Res. Life decision and there were some proposals discussed and suggested, but the bottom line is that not one of those ideas was something that appealed to a large percentage of students.

One example of how the administration tried to create a new social option is to make the Campus Activities Board (CAB) a much more appealing option. CAB has a tremendous amount of funding behind it, yet continues to be unsatisfactory. Ever go to a CAB event?

Trustees throw money at CAB, but student attendance is dismal. The people who run CAB work hard, but lack of students at their events makes us wonder what is wrong.

In fact, CAB has been unable to deliver anything exciting since Bob Dylan made an appearance here years ago. CAB has brought "acts" to campus that were popular years ago (e.g. Run-DMC) and is bringing Naughty By Nature this semester. Can Vanilla Ice be far behind?

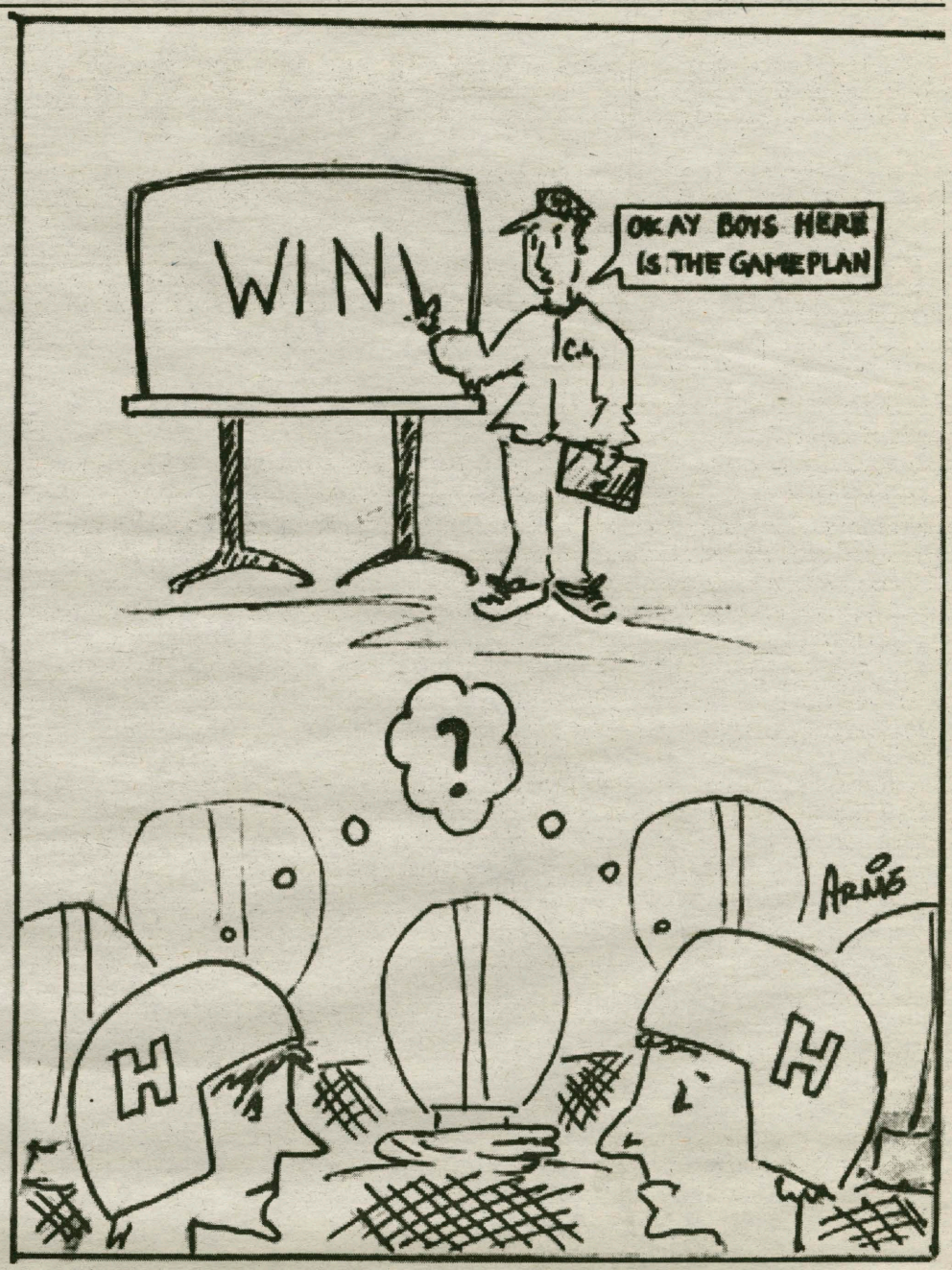
CAB is just one example of an organization that is not representative of what students want to see on campus. $78,000 dollars is given to CAB, yet nothing of any interest to most of us ever appears. Hmm. Anyone want to see another cheesy '80's movie? Not us.

The school also has taken away social spaces. There are no longer parties in ELS. There are no longer parties in North Court. In fact, there are no longer any parties anywhere. Well, there are some parties this weekend and we wish the societies throwing them good luck. We do not want to see the administration overreact and make a rash decision.

However, the nonexistence of student happiness with social life does not seem to be keeping too many administrators awake at night. Of course, we all understand that first and foremost, we are here to learn, but student satisfaction regarding the social life is important.

Do administrators care that students are unhappy with the social life? We do not know. It is quite clear that the students are unhappy.

We will remain unhappy until changes are brought about that actually affect us in a positive way.



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Letters

The Hamilton Peace Officer requested that his letter be untouched and unedited. Contrary to popular belief the Peace Officer is not from Thailand.

Dear the editor

First of all,welcome everyone to the college! It is nice to be back to the hill and meet all the friends. I would like to express my opinion on the existing problem at Hamilton College. Last week, I and couple of my friends went to the bar and were surprised to see and to meet all of the new faces. As usual, the local bars were filled with college students who did not have anything else better to do. The first week of school was usually one of the biggest party week on campus since no one really has any school work responsibility and everyone want to get to know as many new people as they can. However, my only concern is that all of those new faces are as young as my little sisters! I wonder whether they still have a warm glass of milk and cookies before they go to bed? Do they know the consequnce of getting busted my a vicious kirkland police? NO WAY! As an upperclass man I really concern about their safety. I don't want them to have a bad experience on their first week of school, don't you agree? The only solution of Hamilton College to regulate on the school drinking policies was 2/3 = 1/4? Not again, I am still really confused on that ratio. How can 2/3 = 1/4? Did they take algebra when they were in highschool? In my opinion, the school cannot solve the underaged drinking problem by themselve unless the local bars and police don't corporate. The strict regulation will be followed after last year suspension of a fraternity. Please be advised that there're cops who want to bust the underaged drinkers, so please take your own responsibility when you drink and drive (just don't be a fool and get caught!@#).

The Hamilton Peace Officer

Insight & Ideas

Lazio still the underdog against Hillary Clinton

by Peter Ringel '01
MANAGING EDITOR

When Hillary Clinton announced last year that she was "exploring" a run for the New York Senate seat being vacated by Patrick Moynihan, the race immediately received national attention.

It was not just Mrs. Clinton that the media was drawn to, but the prospect of the First Lady running against the Republican Mayor of New York City, Rudolph W. Giuliani.

Ironically, the much hyped race between Mrs. Clinton and Mr. Giuliani never materialized. Mr. Giuliani announced in mid-May that due to his prostate cancer he would be unable to continue his candidacy. The surprising development stunned Republicans and left them scrambling for a replacement.

Early speculation was that New York Governor George E. Pataki would replace Giuliani, but most people realized that was wishful thinking. And as many pundits predicted, Pataki would not run against Mrs. Clinton and Republicans turned their hopes to Long Island Congressman Rick Lazio.

Lazio has served as a United States Congressman for eight years. He is a young, idealistic legislator from Suffolk County who was not afraid to take on the challenge of running against Mrs. Clinton and her large campaign war chest.

However, the challenge Lazio faces is great. Although we have only a month until Election Day, Lazio remains almost a complete unknown to many New York voters. But Lazio has benefited from the so-called "ABC" vote — Anyone But Clinton. There are many New Yorkers who will vote for Lazio simply because he represents a viable alternative to the First Lady. But Lazio needs to do more than appeal to anti-Hillary voters.

What does Lazio need to do this late in the game? New York is a heavily Democratic state, and Republicans always have a tough battle winning statewide contests. Lazio is no different and is in the fight of his life. He will have a very hard time beating Hillary for a number of reasons.

First, Lazio will be hurt because there are over a million more registered Democrats in New York than Republicans. Lazio will also suffer from Republican Presidential candidate George W. Bush's lackluster poll numbers in New York, which should translate into a Gore landslide in the Empire State on election day. There is no question that Vice-President Al Gore will trounce Bush in New York, which negatively affects Lazio.

Although many Democrats will split their tickets (i.e. voting Democrat for President, but crossing over to the Republican line to vote for Lazio), it is estimated that almost one in five Democrats across New York would have to vote for Lazio if he hopes to be victorious on election night.

There are many Democrats who despise Mrs. Clinton, but in the end will probably vote for her anyway. The way many Democrats approach the Senate race is that they would rather elect a Democrat they do not particularly care for (Mrs. Clinton) than a member of the Republican party (Lazio).

Another problem Lazio faces is the prospect of losing a majority of the Jewish vote. On average, Jews are more likely to support Democratic candidates, but early in the race it appeared Lazio might be able to break that trend. Mrs. Clinton's relationship with the Jewish community was mediocre at best, and she had alienated many Jewish voters with her embrace of Yasir Arafat's wife, Suha, early last year. In addition, Mrs. Clinton had also reversed her position on whether the American Embassy should be moved from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. Mrs. Clinton seemed all but certain to be headed for a dismal showing with Jewish voters in November.

However, things have changed considerably in throughout the last few months. First, Gore named Connecticut Senator Joe Lieberman as his running mate, which indirectly helps Mrs. Clinton. She was also helped when a picture of Lazio shaking hands with Arafat surfaced about a month ago.

The new photo eliminated any chance Lazio's campaign would be able to produce an ad showing Mrs. Clinton and Arafat's wife together without the Clinton campaign countering with the photo of Lazio and Arafat shaking hands. Mrs. Clinton has also had many prominent Jews, including Senator Chuck Schumer and Lieberman, pledge that she will be a strong proponent of Israel. As a result, Mrs. Clinton's standing among Jewish voters in New York has greatly improved.

Given all of these problems, how can Lazio possibly win? First, he must perform well in the remaining debates. There are two more debates scheduled at this point and the first one is in less than a week, on October 8th.

He cannot afford a major mistake and really needs to impress undecided voters. In addition, he needs to appeal to those Democrats who were going to vote for Giuliani, but have opted for Clinton because they view Lazio as too far to the right.

Lazio also needs to tone down his negative campaign. Instead, he needs to focus on his own record and tout his accomplishments in Congress. He must provide New Yorkers who are undecided about his candidacy important reasons to support him. Lazio must communicate to New Yorkers why he will be a more effective legislator than Mrs. Clinton. It will not be easy, but it is not impossible.

Sydney 2K: A Review of the 2000 Olympic Games

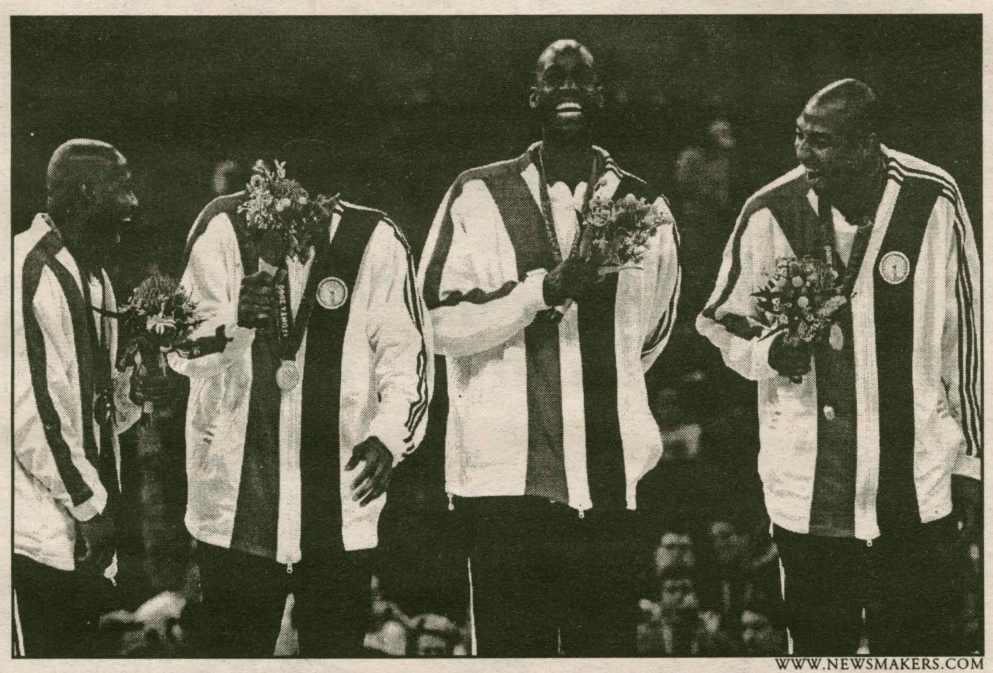
JP LeBlanc

When the Olympics officially ended last Sunday, IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch donned the Sydney Olympics "the best ever." Sydney produced wonderful storylines such as Rulon Gardner defeating three time gold medalist Alexandre Kareline for the Greco Roman super heavyweight gold and a team of American ragtag minor leaguers defeating the powerful Cubans in the baseball finals.

However, the US provided some not-so-great moments as well. You gotta love those adorable Dream Teamers who started not one, but two fights during the basketball tournament. Air Canada was at his finest when he challenged the Russians to a fight during halftime of a qualifying game, or who could resist cringing while watching Gary Payton jaw at some helpless Pakistani point guard. The United States needs to come to the understanding that a group of overachieving college students earning the bronze is a greater achievement than a group of Gary Paytons and Vince Carters winning the gold on sheer talent and zero effort.

Providing equally embarrassing entertainment was the US men's 4x100 team's celebration on the medal stand. I've never thought of the national anthem as a catchy dance tune, but evidently Maurice Greene and Co. can flex their muscles and bust a groove before the bombs have a chance to burst in the air. Maurice later apologized for the team's antics, but the damage was already done. How does one expect the youth of the United States to respect the flag when the country's most accomplished athletes do not? They need to learn grace and dignity from Marion Jones. For the most part, our Olympic athletes understand that their participation in Sydney was a privilege, not a right. It's just unfortunate that a few bad apples felt otherwise. It is always saddening to find that the Untied States always finds a way to act as the "ugly American" during the Olympic games.

The United States did not provide the only embarrassing moment of the games.



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Members of the USA 2000 basketball team celebrate winning the gold.

The IOC stripped Andreean Raducan of the gymnastic all-around gold medal. The sixteen-year-old was stripped not for steroid abuse, but for the ever-dangerous Sudafed abuse. Raducan was given an over-the-counter medicine by her team doctor a few days before the competition. Why strip this girl of something she has worked her entire life for over such a minute and innocent offense? The IOC needs to reevaluate several of its guidelines. Rumor has it that the fourth place finisher was hopped up on Pez candy, but you didn't see her disqualified.

The 2000 games also introduced us to a few new sports. My personal least favorite had to be the trampoline. That's right, the trampoline. I find it hard to believe that something in my backyard can be used as Olympic equipment. My parents certainly don't have a pommel horse or a set of uneven bars perched next to my childhood swingset. Believe me, after eight vodka tonics my Uncle Will can look like Mary Lou Retton on the trampoline, too. Just ask him how he broke his wrist last July Fourth.

Another doozy is the "sport" of synchronized diving. Not to say that diving isn't a sport, but why have two divers go at the same time? Is the IOC stretching a little too far to fill up the schedule for two weeks? Rumor has it that Samaranch is contemplating synchronized bowling for the 2004 Athens games. Put it this way, diving with one diver = sport. Two divers = sheer stupidity.

Despite all its shortcomings, I still found myself glued to the TV set every night to watch Bob Costas stuggle with the play-by-play during the Team Handball bronze medal match. Why you ask? Because the Olympics is about underdogs. It belongs to the athlete who has given their all to make the Games.

An athlete that has trained in complete obscurity, only to be thrust into the limelight with a once-in-a-lifetime performance. That's why I watch.

THUMBS UP

- Long-overdue decision to widen Beinecke front doors

-Tilton's return to "The Hill"

-Cable TV on campus

-Theta Delta Chi and Sigma Phi societies

- "Remember the Titans"

THUMBS DOWN

-The fact that Beinecke front doors are unnecessarily and ridiculously heavy

-Suryia's return to "The Hill"

-Cable TV on campus too late for Class of 2001

-Snow in October

-Martyball

First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton: Not your average carpetbagger

By Sara Weinstein '02
NY2K TEAM MEMBER

The election for the open New York Senate seat is less a months away and still the main charge against Hillary Rodham Clinton is that she is not from the state. Enough already!!!

Webster's Dictionary defines a carpetbagger as an outsider or new resident who meddles in politics. Despite the idea that applying the term 'meddles in politics' to a woman who has spent the last 40 years of her life immersed in the political arena seems odd, Mrs. Clinton is a new resident of the state of New York, and as a result, by definition she is a carpetbagger.

But to propose that she is an outsider to the issues that concern New Yorkers is pathetic, political jargon. Mrs. Clinton has long stood at the front line in creating programs to benefit working families, women, seniors, and our nation's youth. Her concerns are New York's concerns.

Regardless, in our highly mobile and technically-advanced society being a carpetbagger is actually a common occurrence that should not warrant discussion once a political party has decided that the candidate in question is who they feel best represents the party's views.

According to a 1993 tally by Roll Call, 36 senators and 145 representatives were born outside of the state they represent.

The notion that the country wants candidates based on their views, rather than their residency is supported by the fact that a third of the United States' Congressmen have been carpetbaggers at one point in their political careers. Further, Robert Kennedy from Massachusetts, James Buckley from Connecticut, and Daniel Patrick Moynihan, who was born in Oklahoma, have all held the same Senate seat that Mrs. Clinton is now fighting for. Despite Rep. Lazio's sad attempt to rebut Mrs. Clinton's issue discourse by focusing on his lifelong state residency, a majority of voters (55 %) now think that Mrs. Clinton can represent the state, even though she hasn't lived in New York for many years, according to a CBS poll released on October 4, 2000.

Lazio and all of his supporters continue to raise the carpetbagger issue because they know he cannot win a debate on policy issues. New Yorkers are getting short changed every time Lazio responds to inquries about his questionable voting record or his policy stance with a canned line about how he grew up in New York.

Voters are concerned with whether or not Lazio will support the nomination of a pro-life judge to the Supreme Court, not how many baseball games he has attended while living in Long Island.

Furthermore, for Lazio to relentlessly attack Mrs. Clinton for not being familiar with the concerns of New Yorkers because she hasn't lived in the state very long is hypocritical at best. Lazio is from Long Island, where the concerns of the average constituent are very different from those of the voters in Utica or Watertown, for example. For voters living outside of the Long Island region of New York, Rick Lazio is just as much of a carpetbagger as Mrs. Clinton.

What matters isn't where Mrs. Clinton came from, but where she can take New York. I would rather vote for a candidate who fought for the causes I believed in rather than a candidate who was born in the state I lived in. It is naive and politically dangerous to value residency over issue stance. Mrs. Clinton summarized my argument best when she said, "What I am for is maybe asimportant, if not more important than where I am from."

Regardless of what state Mrs. Clinton was from, she is now a resident of New York and the Senate candidate for the Democratic Party.

That is not going to change even if Lazio and his supporters continue to engage voters in pointless banter that only emphasizes his lack of confidence and mastery of the issues. Get over it! Hillary Clinton is not from New York, and I don't care!

This Op-Ed piece was written for the Hamilton College NY2K project. Please visit their website at http://ny2k.hamilton.edu for up to date information on the New York Senate race.

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Science in the News

Milk: Does it *really* do a body good?

By Doug Wheeler '03
and Sinan Misirli '03
SCIENCE SECTION CO-EDITOR

When one thinks of milk, thoughts of strong bones and healthy teeth come to mind. However, recent debates over the benefits and possible harmful effects of milk have made it a controversial topic.

It has long been known that dairy products in general, not just regular milk, can play a large role in the amount of cholesterol in a persons body. High intake of these substances can lead to a greater risk of heart disease, which is one of the leading causes of death among Americans. There are some organizations, though, that insist that milk is to blame for a portion of our nation's medical problems.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) -which has a membership of 100,000 including 5,000 physicians- has denounced the feeding of cow's milk to children since 1992. Among the claim that dairy products can put people at a higher risk of heart disease, the committee insists that milk can cause some forms of cancer and digestive disorders.

These are all rather brash claims to be making against a staple of the human diet. Still, there are those who question the status of milk as a dietary necessity. One eminent

While it has long been known that milk can raise cholesterol, there are many who maintain that it may hold many more dangers.

person among this faction is Colin Campbell, a nutritional biochemist at Cornell University.

Campbell, who grew up on a dairy farm, is a large proponent of non-dairy foods as a source of one's diet. Campbell claims that it is "unnatural to drink milk." In a recent Discover Magazine article highlighting his views, he cited the fact that, while North Americans and Northern Europeans can digest milk, much of the rest of the world cannot.

In 1978, a study of population performed by Frederick J. Simoons of the University of California at Davis suggested that a genetic error is responsible for our ability to digest milk into adulthood. It is known that many adults in Asia, Africa, Southern Europe and Latin America would be classified as "lactose intolerant," due to their inability to digest one of the components of milk.

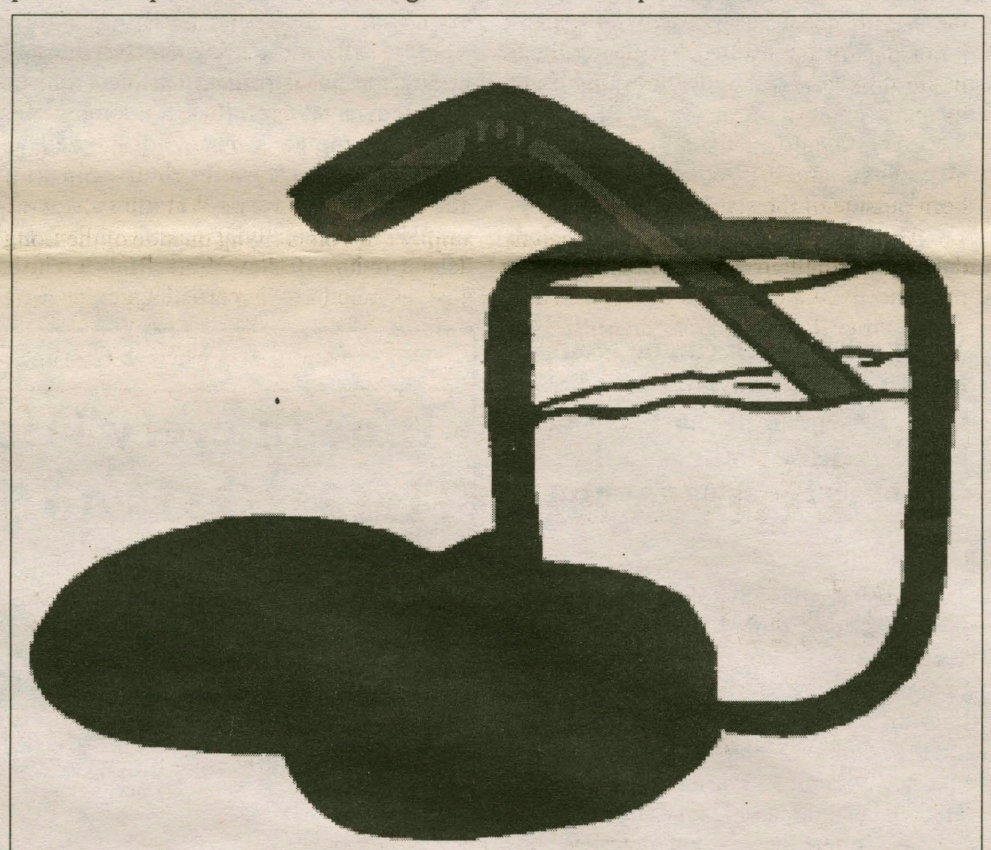
Lactose is one of the major sugars in milk, and it is digested by the protein lactase. Those who are lactose intolerant have small amounts of lactase in their systems, and as a result cannot properly digest lactose. Almost one quarter of the population of the United States in lactose intolerant to some extent. Symptoms of this condition include bloating and cramps after ingesting milk.

Simoons' study states that the production of lactase usually decreases after infancy, when a mother's milk is no longer a necessity. However, due to the alleged genetic error in many western people, lactase is still produced into adulthood, and milk can still be consumed.

Even if the ability to consume milk is due to a mistake, does that make it incorrect to drink it? The arguments of Campbell and the PCRM extend beyond whether or not we were "meant" to ingest milk.

In 1965, Campbell worked in the Philippines as part of an aid project. The goal of this project was to help children who were dying of liver cancer that was linked to malnutrition. These children got their protein from peanuts, which, in that region of the world, contained a high level of alfatoxin, a carcinogen.

Curiously, Campbell found that the death rates from liver cancer were higher among well-nourished children, who received their protein from powdered milk. Thus began his



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inquiry into milk and its possible links to cancer.

Campbell began to experiment with lab rats and the protein known is casein, which is one of the major proteins in milk. Rats were treated with alfatoxin and when they were fed casein, they developed cancer. Campbell found that tumor growth could be switched on when the diet of the rats contained at least ten percent casein.

Harvard researchers found out that nurses who drank more than two glasses of milk a day seemed to break more bones than nurses who didn't.

An experiment similar to Campbell's was performed by researchers at Mercy Hospital in Chicago. Their results showed that a rat's diet needed to contain 20 percent casein. This indicates that casein may not be dangerous in modest amounts -such as the amounts that humans consume- but a diet with too much animal protein may be a source of concern.

Milk has long been touted as a fantastic source of calcium. Oddly enough, the United States has one of the highest rates of calcium intake, yet, at the same time, there is a relatively high rate of osteoporosis.

Studies performed in rural China, where people consume a nearly all-vegetarian diet, showed that the rates of osteoporosis were strikingly low in comparison to the United States.

The families studied consumed less than half the amount of calcium recommended by the USDA, yet their bones seemed in good health. However, in cross-cultural studies, it must be kept in mind that there are often hidden variables that may affect the outcome of experiments in ways that cannot be predicted.

A study entitled the Harvard Nurses' Health Study, which spanned 12 years, monitored the dairy consumption of nurses and kept track of how many of these subjects fell victim to bone injuries, such as arm and hip fractures. After correcting for certain factors such as age, whether nurses smoked, how often they worked and their diet, the Harvard researchers found out that nurses who drank more than two glasses of milk a day seemed to break more bones than nurses who didn't.

Do all of these studies mean that the milk machines at Commons or McEwen should see limited use in the upcoming weeks? Or that you should drop dairy foods from your diet altogether? Absolutely not. Many of these studies are deemed circumstantial at best.

Robert Heaney, a professor of medicine at Creighton University, was recently cited in Discover Magazine as stating that out of nearly 45 recent calcium studies, all but two "showed a benefit from calcium." In addition, it has been evidenced that milk and the nutrients that it contains may reduce the risk of colon cancer.

It has been well known for a long time that milk and other dairy products, as well as red meat, can increase one's risk of heart disease. As is such, the market shelves have been inundated with low-fat alternatives over the past few decades in an effort to combat heart disease.

So, while certain strains of the human race may not have been intended to consume milk, its potentially dangerous effects can be easily minimized.

Upcoming Science Events and Seminars

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Presented by the Chemistry Department
Friday, November 3
at 3:00 p.m. in the Chemistry Auditorium

The genetics of aging: has a breakthrough occured?

Recent experiments with yeast have shown that longevity may be enhanced by the action of certain genes

By Doug Wheeler '03
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As you have undoubtedly noticed, the genetic revolution has been one of the biggest buzzes of the last decade. One of the many facets of the genetic research is the field of aging. Researchers are searching for ways to slow the aging process, as well as ways to minimize and prevent diseases such as Alzheimer's.

Recent studies have been making somewhat major headway in the field of genetics and its involvement with aging. Most recently, researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) have discovered that, in yeast, certain diets may lead to longer life spans.

Dr. Lenoard Guarente, Professor of Biology at MIT, announced on September 22 that his laboratory had identified a cellular pathway in yeast that is responsible for longer lived yeast cells.

A gene in yeast known as the SIR2 gene has been found to produce a protein that, under the right conditions, can lengthen the life span of the yeast.

Guarente's work began in 1991, in an attempt to find genes with anti-aging properties. After four years, Guarente and his students found a strain of yeast that had a longer life span than usual. Upon further investigation, they found that this longevity was due to certain genes, known as SIR genes, that shut down other genes.

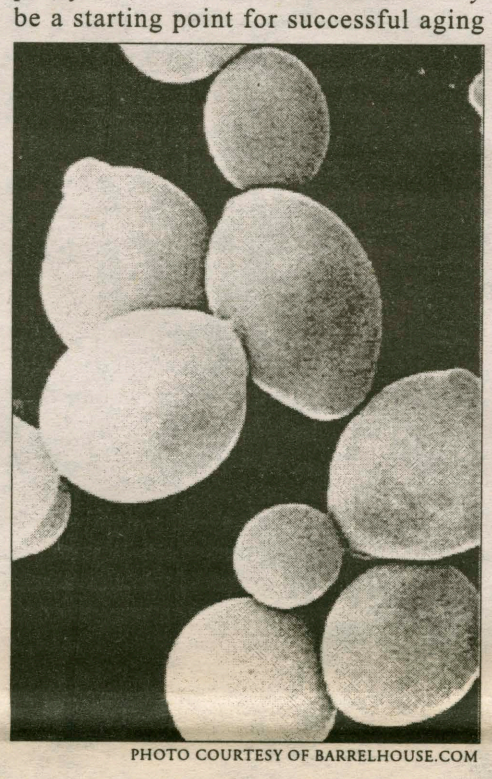
After years of research, it was discovered in 1997 that the gene known as SIR2 is responsible for this longer life span in yeast. In normal yeast cells, the nucleolus, a compartment in the nucleus that houses ribosomes, fills with ribosomal waste. This waste eventually causes the yeast cells to die. In longer-lived yeast cells, however, Guarente discovered that the SIR2 proteins travel to the nucleolus and deactivate the genes that were making the wasteful products. The result? A yeast cell that lived longer.

So how does this translate into a longer life through a trimmer diet? Guarente found that in the presence of a compound known as nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD), the SIR2 protein best deactivates the wasteful genes in the ribosome. NAD is an important chemical in the breakdown of glucose (sugar). Therefore, the more NAD that is present for the SIR2 protein to interact with, the more effective SIR2 will be at repressing wasteful genes.

However, as NAD is used in glucose breakdown, minimal glucose must be present for NAD to be available to the SIR2 protein. This means, in theory, that if one has a diet low in calories, which is low in glucose, NAD availability is at a maximum and the SIR2 protein can perform its gene repression, leading to longer cell life.

While this method of lengthening life spans has been proven in yeast, higher organisms may prove a bit trickier. Genes roughly equivalent to the SIR2 gene in yeast have been found in humans, and many human biological mechanisms were first elucidated in yeast. Simply put, yeast and other lower animals *may* be a starting point for successful aging research.

Should the same method that works in yeast apply to higher organisms, a longer lifespan for humans may one day be feasible.



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Yeast cells, which can be seen budding, or undergoing replication. Research in yeast cells has led to exciting findings in the field of genetic aging research.

Recent studies have shown that lab rats on a diet that contains 30 percent less calories than usual live an average of 40 percent longer than their non-dieting peers do. These diets differ only in their calorie content, and they contain all of the necessary nutrients and vitamins. The only visible side effect in lab animals so far has been a slight decrease in fertility.

The National Institute of Aging is currently conducting aging experiments with rhesus monkeys. As rhesus monkeys live up to 25 years, it is too early to draw any conclusions. However, monkeys on calorically restrictive diets have shown a higher resistance to heart disease and diabetes.

Lab rats- which are biologically similar to human beings- lived up to 40 percent longer on a calorically restricted diet.

While these recent findings look very promising for the field of genetic aging research, there are those who are doubtful. Many evolutionary biologists insist that aging is governed by many genes and biological pathways, as opposed to one. The New York Times cited Guarente as acknowledging that this may be the case, but he thinks that a major biological pathway, shared by many organisms, is likely at the root of aging.

As it is possible that humans share similar biological pathways with yeast for aging, some people have started diets with calorie restrictions. A recent New York Times article detailed the diets of some people who hope to live into the 22nd century. These diets entailed about 40 percent fewer calories than normal, meaning that an average meal would contain around 400 calories.

It is difficult to imagine everyone adhering to such stringent dieting requirements, even if it resulted in a longer life. So, if the methods that work so well in yeast prove to be feasible in humans, a drug that imitates the way NAD interacts with the SIR2 protein may be a possibility someday.

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Trust Treat: a chance to volunteer with area kids

by Charles Francis '04
NEWMAN COUNCIL MEMBER

On Halloween night, Hamilton will be teeming with youngsters, a sight many of us are probably not used to. They will be here to participate in the eleventh annual Trust Treat. The Class of '92 established this event in memory of Eric Trust '92. Trust died unexpectedly on October 31, 1988, of a congenital heart disease.

Aileen Slocum '92 and other fellow students close to Eric began Trust Treat in remembrance of him. According to his friends, he saw and appreciated the inner essence of people around him and had the ability to always bring out the best in others. They felt that the best way to keep this spirit alive was to bring members of the community together to help others.

The first Trust Treat was held in 1989, and the tradition has lived on and grown each year since. This year, Trust Treat will take place on Tuesday night, October 31. During Trust Treat, students and other volunteers lead children of faculty/staff and children from the area trick-or-treating to residence halls, where students and members of different organizations wait with candy. In past years, some private societies and residence halls have even sponsored haunted houses.

The Newman Council organizes Trust Treat, and funding comes from a variety of sources, including Student Assembly, 1992 Senior Gift, and the Syracuse Diocese of the Catholic Church. Finally, money from the Office of the Dean of Students is used to arrange a dinner for the tour guides before they embark on the trick-or-treating adventure.

Trust Treat gives the whole Hamilton community a chance to pull together and provide a safe and happy environment for children to enjoy Halloween. In addition, it gives the students a chance to forget about all their academic stresses, dress up and enjoy Halloween just like they did when they were children.

Trust Treat 2000 will be held on Tuesday, October 31 from about 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Signups for volunteers will be in Beinecke from Tuesday, October 10 through Thursday, October 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can also contact Jamie/Emily (x2241), Charley (x2757), Father Croghan (x4129) or just talk to anyone on the Council. Anyone interested in signing their children up can also contact the same people.

PHI BETA KAPPA

In recognition of their high academic achievement in fulfilling the goals and purposes of the College, the Hamilton College Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa has elected the following members of the Class of 2001 to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

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Oneida Lake and Bolivian Women: Senior Fellows Ivison and Fadem Transcend Academic Conformity

by Cristen Sargent '01
EDITOR-AT-LARGE

Senior year. Time to relax, spend more time with friends and less with classes, right? Not so for two students. Lauren Ivison and Cynthia Fadem are just getting warmed up. As senior fellows, they have been freed from standard academic requirements in order to concentrate on an intensive, self-designed project that will take them the whole year to complete. An interdisciplinary, prestigious, yet little known opportunity, senior fellows apply to work with two faculty advisors to complete a project of graduate-level caliber.

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Fadem, as the first geoarchaeology major, is studying the geological history of nearby Oneida Lake.

While Ivison conducts research in Bolivia, Cynthia Fadem is sticking a little closer to home. A geoarchaeologist examining nearby Oneida Lake, Fadem's project couldn't be more different than Ivison's. The range speaks to the open-ended opportunity the fellowship brings, according to its administrator, Professor of English John O'Neill.

Geoarchaeology combines geology and archaeology to create a mutually workable environment of paleocommunity, Fadem's own definition. She explained that the shape of Oneida Lake, (25 miles west of campus) when paired with jet stream activity, creates waves with enough energy to churn up sediment on the lake's bottom onto the shore. Over the years, this deposition amounts to beach ridges - built up layers of sediment. The goal of Fadem's project is to create a temporal reconstruction of the area around the lake over the past 10,700 years by analyzing these beach ridges and their constituent sediment. "It's not like we're looking for something specific, so that if we find artifacts the project is successful, and if we don't, it's failed. It's not set up like that. Discovering the geological history of the lake will bring us closer to determining if people ever lived around its shores," she said.

With the help of her advisors, Tom Jones, professor of archaeology, and Gene Domack, professor of geology, Fadem will take samples from various layers of the beach ridges during the first and second weeks of October. They will take trowels-full of sand back to Hamilton labs to determine their mineral composition and possible age. "If people lived there, it would've been on top of the beach ridges," Fadem explained.

Fadem first got the idea to pursue a senior fellowship while on another academic excursion. She traveled with Jones and Charlotte Beck, professor of archaeology, to Nevada the summer of 1999 on their field school program. "Charlotte said to some of the students, you should do the fellowship if you have your major done, and I overheard it. I said I wanted to do it, and Charlotte laughed at me. She thinks I overcommit myself, and she's right." She is still a coordinator for Rainbow Alliance, but had to drop orchestra and brass choir this year.

Fadem wanted to do something bigger than a thesis, so she contacted Jones from Dortmund, Germany where she was studying abroad, and they drafted a letter of intent to the Academic Council. One week into this semester Fadem appeared in front of the council, and was awarded a fellowship. Fadem had been attending four classes, and she dropped two. "Two classes plus a fellowship I couldn't get started on over the summer is a lot of work, but I need these classes in order to do the best I can on the project," she explained.

When Cynthia saw the opportunity to put archaeology and geology together and be the first geoarchaeology concentrator, she simply moved ahead with a kind of 'why wouldn't anyone want to do this' attitude and decided to cross unchartered waters. When her desire to study in Germany last year meant she wouldn't be able to take a course at Hamilton required for the major, she found an alternative—Isotope Geochemistry—in the German curriculum. Said Jones, "I'm not sure I could have passed that course. Cynthia just doesn't appear to see obstacles in the way most of us do."

She sees the senior fellowship as "a way to prepare for graduate school in a practical way," and is thinking about going out west after graduation for a higher degree.

Lauren Ivison always knew she wanted to do things a little differently. Whether it meant going to school on the opposite coast, (she's one of few students to call San Diego, Calif. home) or studying abroad in Bolivia, she said, "I didn't want to do what everyone else was doing." Ivison's project is to study current issues and social change among a group of Bolivian women. "Cholas" is a derogatory term applied to these women who are short-statured and wear many colorful skirts and sweaters and have too-long braids. They are a working class minority group who, until recently, were not allowed in public places.

Ivison studied in Bolivia last fall. The family she lived with had an 'empleada' - a domestic worker - as all middle class Bolivians households do, and she spent a lot of time talking with the woman. "She became one of my best friends there, and I first learned about cholas from her."

Intrigued by the role these women play in Bolivian society, she contacted adviser and friend Daniel Chambliss, who was on leave last semester, and told him she would apply to be a senior fellow if he was on campus. He agreed, and when Chambliss returned to campus every few weeks, they worked together to develop a proposal. "I wanted to do something unique. There has been very little done on this," she said.

After extensive interviewing with the Academic Council, Ivison was named a senior fellow. Her advisors are Dan Chambliss, professor of sociology, and Susan Sanchez-Casal, associate professor of Spanish and women's studies. In addition, Ivison is working with two professors at the University of San Andres in La Paz, Bolivia. "No one here really has expertise in this field. Dan is great for the underlying sociological framework and Susan for women's studies and Spanish, but [the Bolivian professors] will really be able to talk about my arguments and conclusions."

"What Lauren has is a combination of very high level skills," Chambliss said. "She speaks near-native fluency Spanish. She's a very sophisticated social psychologist. She intuits what other people are feeling. Very few students have her skills in any of these areas, let alone several."

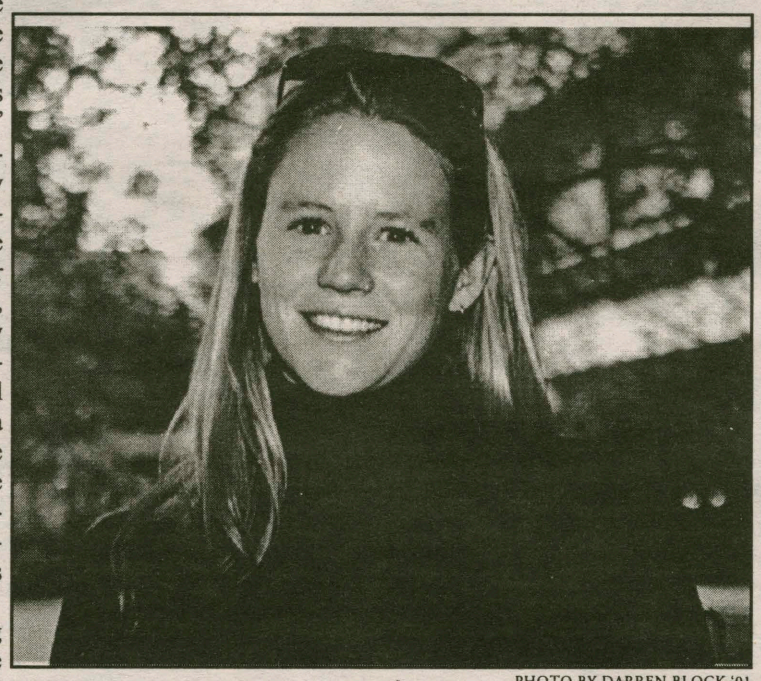
She also won an Emerson Grant, which allowed her to go back to Bolivia this summer to begin collecting data. "I conducted 20 conversation-based interviews - it might not sound like a lot but they're actually very hard to get. The women are very timid." Trying to gather information this summer was one of her biggest challenges to date; for every interview completed she was six or seven times denied. Also, gaining permission to use the libraries in Bolivia required signed letters of permission from both Hamilton and San Andres professors. "At one point I had to have Dan fax a letter of permission from The University of Hamilton College in order to use the library, because 'college' means nothing to them."

Getting research underway this summer allows Ivison to be on campus for most of the year, except for a few weeks in November when she will return to Bolivia to gather more data. "I want to be on campus, because I'm involved, and it's my senior year."

"I miss being in classes," she said. "As much as they are part of our academic routine, they're also very social. Before and after class, you talk to people. But this gives me long, uninterrupted periods of time where I can just sit and focus." She is a senior admissions interviewer and up until this year heavily involved with the sexual assault committee. "My biggest challenge so far has been staying focused and organized."

She will spend this fall reading materials collected in Bolivian libraries this summer, transcribing interviews, outlining thesis sections and "finding theoretical holes." "This has changed my experience of Hamilton. I spend a lot more time with professors than with students. I feel like I spent the first three weeks telling everyone about my project and the fellowship program in general - no one knows about it."

And though she feels her project is great practice for grad school, Ivison is in no hurry to get there. She plans to go back west after



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While studying a group of Bolivian women, Ivison had difficulties collecting data: "I had to have Dan fax a letter of permission from the 'University of Hamilton College.'"

The Senior Fellowship

The Senior Fellowship program waives standard academic requirements and allows successful candidates to concentrate on an in-depth independent research project.

"Senior Fellows are among the very best who go to Hamilton," said John O'Neill, professor of English and director of the program. "The fellowship gives you the freedom to work intensively on one project. "

Qualified applicants are members of the junior class with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 88, have completed course distribution requirements, and who have developed a research topic that is interdisciplinary and sophisticated.

"This is a book-caliber project," said Professor of Sociology Daniel Chambliss and advisor to Senior Fellow Lauren Ivison. "The fellowship is practical graduate school experience, clearly for someone who's self-motivated. "

The fellowship is to be thought of as twice as intense as yearlong senior thesis - it counts as two, or even three classes. Fellows can take one or two regular courses, and don't have to complete their major. Most do, however, because they want to go on to graduate school.

"The project has to be big enough to be worth the college investing in it, but it can't be so big you can't do it in one year," O'Neill said. "The council is often finding itself saying to candidates, 'scale it down.'"

"Do it. Apply," is the straightforward advice Senior Fellow Cynthia Fadem has for interested students. "If you want a big project, the opportunity is there. But nobody knows about it: I tell people I got the senior fellowship and they say, 'the what?'"

"You can't wait until March. You have to start talking to you advisor now. I've actually already spoken with one student already, so it's never too early," O'Neill said.

For more information, contact John O'Neill at x4463, joneill@hamilton.edu, or stop by his office in Root 307.

Arts & Entertainment

WHCL, from Album-Orientated-Rock to underground, independent sound

By Matt Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

The class of 2001 enjoyed listening to mainstream bands such as Dave Matthews, Pearl Jam, and Bob Dylan as first-years, but as seniors, are now being bombarded with bands such as Pram, The Mabels, and The New Amsterdam. The shelves of WHCL, once stocked with music of bands from well-known labels such as Virgin Records are now being replaced by bands from independent labels like Merge Records, Elephant 6, and Teenbeat. 88.7

WHCL, Hamilton College's radio station, has recently undergone a controversial transformation. Only three years ago, the majority of the music played on WHCL was mainstream music that is heard on many other stations. Now, WHCL plays predominantly newer music by lesser known bands. This change from a mainstream station to an underground one has brought about a smaller Hamilton College listenership.

Jonathan Alschul '99, General Manager at the time when the changes first started to take shape, has mixed feelings about the direction WHCL has taken. He sees the changes as a pendulum.

"Before I took over as General Manager, WHCL was on one end of the pendulum, playing nothing but Phish and Dave Matthews," states Alschul. "What myself and then music director Jamie DeOliviera '99 tried to do was mix mainstream music in with newer independent bands. I believe that this mix of mainstream and indie is what a college station should be about. Presently, I think the pendulum has swung too far to the other extreme. Now there is too much independent music and not enough mainstream."

"The goal of WHCL should be to diversify the station," Alschul continued. "You have to respect anyone who is passionate about a type of music they like. While those who are passionate about more mainstream music should have a lesser role in the station, they need to exist. While our goal was not to maximize listenership, excluding certain types of music is dangerous. People inserting their own tastes of music into the station is also dangerous. This is starting to happen at the station, and is one reason for the swing to the other end of the pendulum," Alschul comments.

Current music director Greg Geist '01 disagrees with Alschul's vision of WHCL.

"WHCL is a non-commercial station," states Geist. "Advertisers are actually the ones who determine what is played on commercial stations like K-Rock and Oldies stations. We don't have advertisers to tell us what to play, so this does not limit our musical choices." Geist continues, "This allows us to diversify radio as a whole. We try to make it more educational by playing bands that are not heard on commercial stations. Besides, why immitate what others do better."

"Ultimately, we would like a large listenership, but we won't sell out. The reason we don't have a larger audience on campus is because when it comes to music, most people here are close-minded. They don't know what they like, and they like what they know. They are not willing to hear out new songs and new bands."

"After a while, I think people will look back at the integrity of what we have done," Geist continues. "They are getting experimental music that they cannot hear on other stations. Most radio stations do not vary, and we do."

DRAWING BY KATIE FOUTS

Along with changing the types of music played on its station, WHCL also changed its logo.

Geist believes that WHCL is misunderstood by many. 88.7 plays a wide variety of music by a wide variety of bands.

"We have a Celtic show followed by a jazz show followed by a techno show followed by a hip-hop show followed by a talk show. There is a misconception that only music I like is played on the station. There is a lot of music I don't like played on the station, but that is not important. Anything that is different has a place on WHCL."

Geist concludes, "People are going to like what they are going to like. We can't change that. WHCL is just another option."

Liz White, former member of the E-Board, heard WHCL as an album orientated rock station and heard it in its earliest form of what it is today. She, like Geist, also feels that WHCL has changed for the better.

"It is a phenomenal change," says White. "It is a platform for independent rock to be heard. Though the campus might not be as receptive, it is what a college radio station is supposed to be."

Like Geist, White feels WHCL is misunderstood on campus. She says, "There is a misconception that college radio is for students to get on the radio and play their own music. This is not what a college station is all about. It is about the experience of working with new equipment and working as a team to produce a quality product."

Charlotte Shilling '01, former publicity director and listener of WHCL, takes a different look at the station, especially it's role on campus.

"It is a station for the students," says Shilling. "It should be a station that Hamilton College students want to listen to. I don't know of many people at all who listen to the station since the switch from album-orientated rock to underground music. It seems the only people who listen to WHCL anymore are the fanatics who have shows and are into the underground music and the techno scene. The musical tastes of a few have overtaken the station."

Shilling is in favor of promoting independent bands and labels, but she thinks WHCL is going about it the wrong way.

Shilling states, "There is no incentive to listen to the station if all you are going to hear is independent music and techno. If the goal is to promote these types of music, they should be sandwiched in with more mainstream music. This will get people listening to the station again, and at the same time they will be exposed to songs and groups they are not able to hear on other stations. It is hard to promote new music on a station that no one listens to."

"Ultimately," Shilling concludes, "I think we need to go back to being an album-orientated rock station, and play music that Hamilton students want to hear."

So, whether you like the changes WHCL has undergone or not, mainstream music is out and underground sounds are in. If you want to listen to mainstream music, tune in to a different station (which many students on campus have done). If you are looking to hear a variety of different bands that are not played on other stations, WHCL is the station for you.

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Almost Famous
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Nurse Betty
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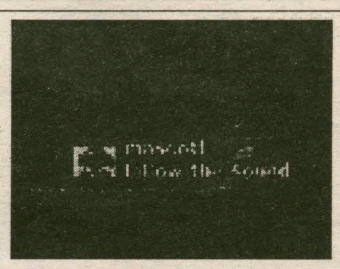

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Book Review
A Pale View Of The Hills

By Erin Post '01
A&E WRITER

I won't give away the ending. I hate when book reviews give away conclusions, or even imply enough so you can deduce how things turn out. I will just say that the ending to A Pale View of Hills is one that is very...unexpected. Literally. I mean I turned the page expecting there to be another page. Then I thought that maybe my copy was missing pages, that I had somehow gotten an edition that should have been recalled because they forgot the last chapter. However, after re-reading the chapter preceding the end, I could begin to accept an ending that leaves the reader somewhat unsatisfied. In novels we expect to see some change, in character, attitude, relationship, something to justify us reading 200 pages. A Pale View of Hills does not comply with this expectation, at least in the traditional sense. Let's just say the ending is very cryptic. In retrospect, maybe I should have expected an ending as such, given the body of the text.

The actual plot of A Pale View of Hills comes to the reader filtered through the consciousness of Etsuko, an older Japanese woman living in England, in the wake of her oldest daughter's suicide. The narrative jumps between the present, at Etsuko's English countryside home during her younger daughter Niki's visit from London, and her remembrances of a certain time in the past while pregnant with her first daughter Keiko in post World War II Japan. The connections between the two contexts vary and are highly subjective; Etsuko as a narrator is self-consciously unreliable. She continually makes statements such as, "As far as I remember," and "I have a feeling." At one point she explicitly admits, "It is possible that my memory of these events will have grown hazy with time, that things did not happen in quite the way they come back to me today." Later, she once again admits, "Memory, I realize, can be an unreliable thing; often it is heavily colored by the circumstances in which one remembers, and no doubt this applies to certain of the recollections I have gathered here." This leaves the reader in a precarious position: what do we do with a narrative that could be, according to the teller herself, not entirely true to experience? This situation gives the reader a great deal of freedom. The reader must actively take into account the voice of Etsuko, her complex psychology combined with her social setting, to draw our own connections and conclusions from the text. This tension between Etsuko's narrative and the reader's interaction with this text creates the conflict and keeps the reading audience engaged and interested.

Complex structure and narrative voice aside, Kazuo Ishiguro's writing itself creates an intricate portrait of post World War II Japan. He infuses a time of huge social change with life and humanity. Through Etsuko he delves into the emotional complexities of character and examines what holds people together when an entire way of life, an entire history, comes crashing down. In this he manages to strike a poignant balance between criticism and acceptance. A sense of dignity and integrity underlies the narrative (embodied most fully in the characters surrounding Etsuko). Ishiguro has a talent for capturing the essence of a person, all of the nuanced complexity and contradiction, with words. These strong characters, combined with a tone at once haunting and surreal, yet candidly realistic, makes A Pale View of Hills a compelling read.

Southern Accents

PRESS RELEASE

Sheila Kay Adams

Sheila Kay Adams comes from a small mountain community in western North Carolina where for seven generations her family has passed down the English, Scottish, and Irish ballads that date back to the middle ages. These ballads came to America with her ancestors in the late 1700s, and she learned them from many family and community members. She has a keen, first-hand understanding of this ballad tradition and mountain life that she shares through her performances. Whether singing the ancient story-songs, playing the banjo, performing an original composition, or telling a story, she spellbinds audiences of all ages. Her understanding of the Appalachian mountain life, people, and social fabric has a universal appeal and touches all of us...even those not from the area. As her Great-Aunt and mentor, Dellie Chandler Norton, has said, "She may not know where she's going, but she sure knows where she comes from...."

Sheila Kay Adams's visit to Hamilton College is part of the Kirkland Project series, "Southern Accents: Representation and Resistance through the Arts." She will be performing Friday, October 6th with a special guest performance prior to featuring artists Cathy Fink and Marcy Marxer. The show will begin at 8:00pm in the Kirkland Art Center in Clinton. Tickets will be available at the Wellin Hall Box Office through 10/5: $5 HC students with ID; $8 KAC members; $10 General admission. Shuttle van service will run from ELS at 7:30pm, and will return to ELS after the evening's performance is over, approximately 10pm. For more information, please call the Kirkland Project office at x4288.

Quilts of Color: Three Generations of Quilters

This quilt exhibition surveys the tradition of quilting, since the Civil War, across several generations of an Afro-Texan family. The aesthetic of Black quilting treats pattern, color and piecing playfully and asymmetrically. As a result, African-American quilts are frequently compared to African-American music. However, Black needle workers are also aware of and skilled at practicing the style more identified with an Anglo-American quilting tradition, in which precise patterns and so-called complementary colors are the standard. As one of the quilters notes, "African American quilters are versatile. It's like they know two languages.... We make the Black quilts for our families and ...we make the white quilts to sell." For more information, please call the Kirkland Project at x4288

All That Jazz!

By Priyanka Khanna '04
A&E WRITER

One of the most respected jazz artists in America today, Marian Mcpartland will be coming to Hamilton. Her career has spanned six decades. This multifaceted lady has made her mark not only as a performer but also as an educator, an author, a composer, and a radio personality.

Born in Windsor, England, music has always been her passion. She trained as a classical pianist but soon realized that jazz and popular music were her true loves. She began playing for the Allied troops during World War II, and that is where she met her husband, jazz trumpeter Jimmy Mcpartland. She moved to the United States after that and established herself in New York City by forming her own trio and appearing as a soloist with major symphony orchestras. She has recorded frequently for jazz labels such as Concorde, Savoy Record, and even for her own record company- Halcyon. Her most famous compositions are "Twilight World" and "Ambiance." She has also authored "All in Good Time" and has been instrumental in the development of jazz education. Her nationally syndicated show "Piano Jazz" is in its eighteenth year, and McPartland has interviewed and played with virtually every important jazz musician.

It wasn't easy. Mcpartland had to overcome a great deal of resistance to her nationality and sex. But she managed to overcome all the odds and was recently awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the International Association of Jazz Educators. She has a special bond with Hamilton, as she received an honorary doctorate in 1997. Along with close friend and bassist, Bill Crow and drummer Glenn Davis, she will perform for us at Wellin Hall on Saturday, October 7th at 8pm. This is a chance for all you jazz aficionados (and even those of you who aren't) to see a true legend perform. Don't miss it!

The Marian McPartland Trio Sat. Oct 7, 2000 8pm Wellin Hall Tickets $15 general public $5 students

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Cameron Crowe writes and directs a masterpiece in *Almost Famous*

By Darcy Lewis '02
A&E WRITER

It is official: Cameron Crowe is a gift to society. The man who gave us *Fast Times at Ridgemont High, Say Anything, Singles*, and *Jerry Maguire* has once again bestowed on the masses a piece of filmmaking that is fresh, intelligent, and a complete joy to watch. It is no wonder that a semi-autobiographical film about this extraordinary man would turn into such a huge movie success.

Crowe combines many genres of film into one; the coming of age story, the romance, the adventure, and the tragedy. He brings the 1970's to life by concentrating on that decade's heart: the music scene. Crowe shows us this wild era in all its glory by filtering it through the eyes of William Miller (newcomer Patrick Fugit), a 15-year-old nerd who gets the chance to fulfill his dream of writing an article for Rolling Stone about Stillwater, one of his favorite rock bands. William quickly falls in over his head and breaks the cardinal rule for all rock journalists, explained to him by legendary rock critic Lester Bangs (a magnificent Philip Seymour Hoffman)- never make friends with the band; it can only compromise the story. Against his mentor's wishes, William develops a fragile friendship with the band's star guitarist, Russell, wonderfully played by Billy Crudup (*Hi-Lo Country, Without Limits*). William finds himself torn between writing the truth about the band and ruining the friendship, or writing a "fluff" piece that will keep the band members happy but ultimately destroy his journalism career.

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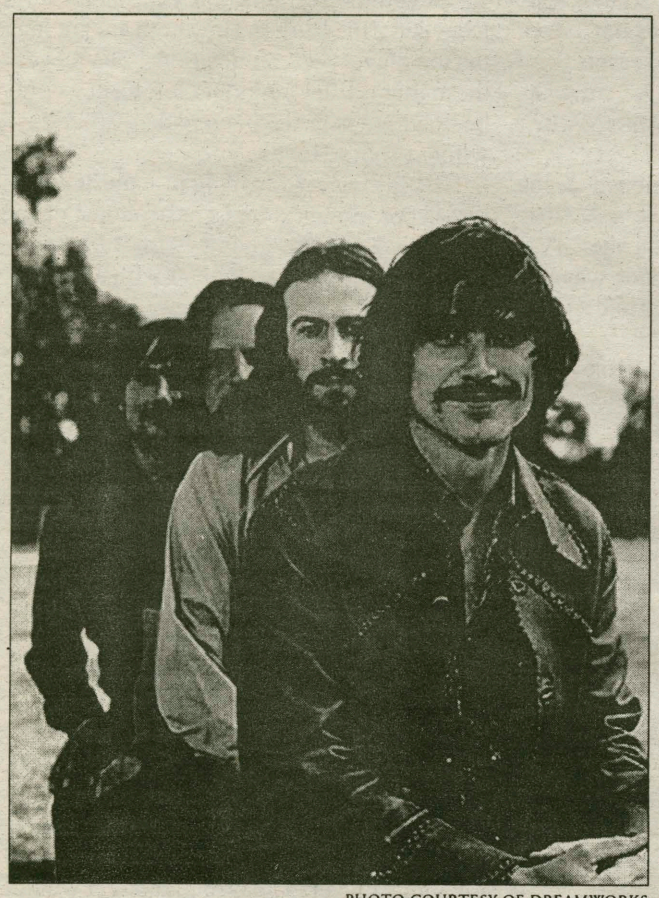
William Miller (Fugit) and "band-aid" Penny Lane (Hudson), look on from backstage in Cameron Crowe's *Almost Famous*.

Amidst all this, William develops a hopeless crush on Penny Lane (Kate Hudson), best of the Band-Aids, girls who hang around with the band, giving the rockers "nspiration," asking only for the chance to follow the band around and listen to the music they love so much in return. Hudson does a great job of portraying the young, beautiful girl who trades away her innocence and life for a hard-lived dream.

The entire cast emits a natural, completely comfortable vibe, like they were born as these characters. Frances McDormand (*Fargo, Primal Fear*), gives the most understated performance in the film as William's overly strict college professor mom who drives both her children away because she cares so fiercely for them.



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Fictional band Stillwater, featuring Billy Crudup, Ben Lee, Mark Kozelek and John Fedevich, pose for the cover of Rolling Stone.

The film covers ground that has been covered many times: an up-and-coming band that begins to fall apart as fame takes over their lives. Yet *Almost Famous* steers clear of being old and redundant by allowing William Miller to realize that the life moving all around him is the real story, and not just the inner dynamics of the band and the new direction of their music. Simply knowing one is alive is the ultimate goal of the film. William is the best narrator for the film because we see this crazy, vibrant life through a baby-faced, gawky, totally awe-struck observer who makes that life all the more real because he is experiencing it for the first time.

There are both extremely funny and touching moments in this film. It is the perfect blend of every kind of movie. The movie will stay with you for quite a long time after you see it.

Space Cowboys is "The Ripe Stuff"

By Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

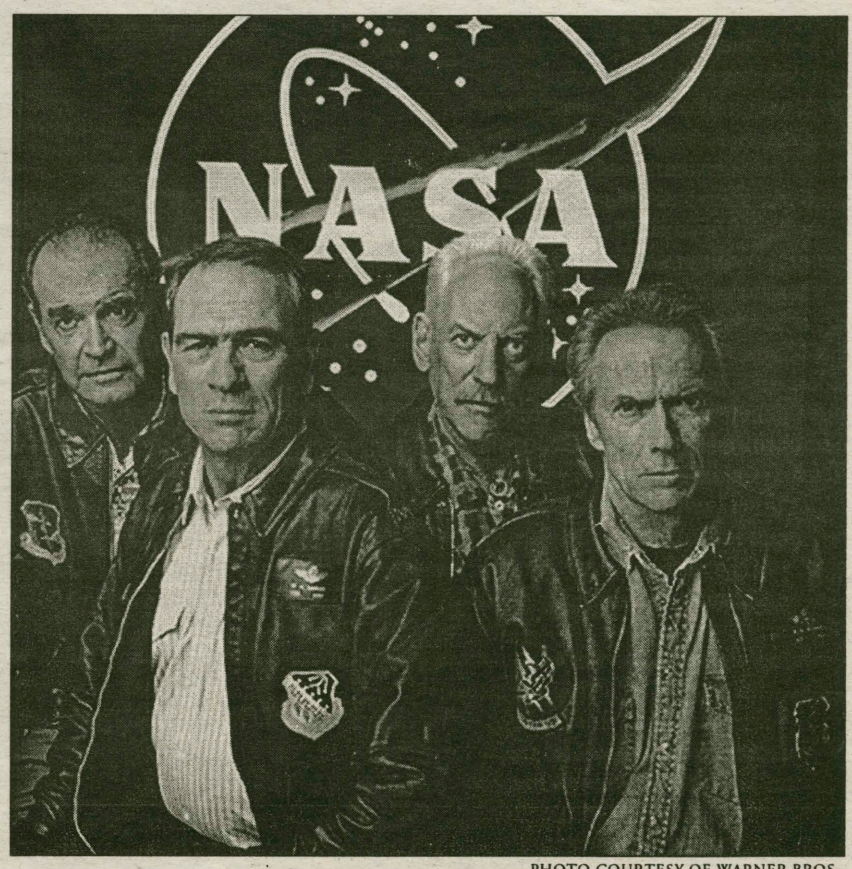
I am stealing the title of this review from a newspaper headline in the film *Space Cowboys*, directed by Clint Eastwood and produced by Andrew Lazar, because it's too good not to share. The headline criticizes the ascent into space of four senior citizens, AKA the "cowboys" in the title of the film. The quartet is an eclectic bunch, from Jerry O'Neil (Donald Sutherland), a flirtatious roller coaster designer, to Hawk Hawkins (Tommy Lee Jones) and Tank Sullivan (James Garner), a wild tourist-plane pilot and a Baptist minister, respectively, to, finally, Frank Corvin (Clint Eastwood), the sharp-tongued hero who manages to get team Daedalus, as they are known, off the earth and into space. The only thing the four have in common, besides all being over sixty years old, is the fact that they all worked for the US Air Force back in the day.

So what would make NASA send up a group like this anyway? Well, there is a Russian satellite, built accordig to obsolete blueprints and technology, that is due to crash back into Earth very, very soon. Frank Corvin happens to be the man who designed this piece of work, though no one, including himself, seems to know how the Russians got a hold of his idea. NASA can't make heads or tails of this anachronistic contraption, much less figure out how to stop it from doing some severe damage to our Blue Planet. The only thing that NASA can think to do is to contact Corvin and ask him for help. Believable? Um, sort of... Corvin's reply to this is blackmail; that is, he will help if he's the one that gets to fix Ikon on site and with the help of his buddies.

Certainly, director Eastwood does his best to make a premise like this believable. A good portion of the movie is dedicated to following the team around as they train for the expedition (as well they should) and undergo various medical exams. Unfortunately, the first half of the film, despite its self-deprecating and funny moments, is flawed by a strange pacing and rhythm. Some scenes move too slowly, often impeded by the secondary actors who look confused and unbelievable. Other scenes move too quickly, for example, when Corvin meets Hawkins to ask him to join him up in space, Hawkins can tell right away who it is without having to turn around- a couple of words out of Corvin's mouth, and Hawk has already recognized Frank by his voice, which makes Hawk the most quick-witted senior citizen I've ever heard of. The two talk to each other like they've spent all their life together, when really this is the first time they meet in over forty years.

Finally, the crew passes all the necessary training and examinations, and if you can believe that Jerry O'Neil's love handles made it more than twice around the race track, then this might seem plausible to you. Whether or not you believe it, they make it into space, which is where most of the heart-stopping drama occurs in this film. The movie picks up some momentum here, and, thank screenwriters Ken Kaufman and Howard Klausner, there is a limited amount of *Apollo 13*-like gibberish space jargon.

The mission and the premise of the movie may be laughable, but Eastwood is to be commended for some beautiful scenes and shots in this picture. I particularly liked the beginning flashback sequence, entirely filmed in black and white, that does a fine job of introducing the four characters in their days of glory, as well as the final sequence, which I probably shouldn't give away. Hey, if film is about suspending your disbelief, *Space Cowboys* may be worth a shot.



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James Garner, Tommy Lee Jones, Donald Sutherland, and Clint Eastwood are ready for space in *Space Cowboys*.

Women's Tennis finishes undefeated Fall Break

By Elizabeth Crispino '02
SPORTS WRITER

Over October Break, the Hamilton women's tennis team faced St. Lawrence and William Smith, pulling out victories in both matches. The team played St. Lawrence last Friday, and stormed the court in usual Continental fashion.

The doubles matches were over quickly, with Hamilton taking all three matches. The first team of captain Eileen Wildman '01 and Lindsey Schantz '03 beat their opponents 8-3, Ginger Pearson '03 and Jen Lynch '03 closed out at 8-4, and Lizzie Fazio '04 and Sarah Taylor '03 routed St. Lawrence 8-0.

Lindsey Schantz '03 waits for a return.

The singles proved to be a similar story, with Hamilton taking five out of the six matches. Wildman, Schantz and Pearson all were victorious in straight sets.

Fazio, despite a tie break in the second set, pulled out with a 6-1, 7-6(3) victory. Taylor, losing the first set, came back to win the match 5-7, 6-1, 6-4. Lynch at number four faced a tough opponent, and though playing a good match, succumbed 6-2, 6-3.

Coach Jamie King commented on the match: "St. Lawrence wasn't especially a strong team, but I was proud of the team's effort, especially Lizzie Fazio and Sarah Taylor. Fazio faced a tie-break in the second set, and Taylor had a three setter, but both players were determined to win their matches."

This past Tuesday, the women cruised to their second victory of the weekend over William Smith, 6-3. The doubles play had a rough start, with Hamilton dropping two of the three matches. Entering the singles matches, the team knew that they had to focus to pull out with a victory.

Led by Wildman, Schantz, and Pearson, the team jumped to a quick three wins. Wildman swept the number one spot 6-4, 6-0, followed by a victorious Schantz at number two, 6-2, 6-3. Pearson had a tough three setter at number three, but was able to score a 5-7, 6-2, 6-0 victory.

Two tough opponents from William Smith derailed Lynch and Taylor at number four and six, and they dropped their matches in straight sets. Fazio at number five put away her opponent 6-3, 6-4 to cement Hamilton's victory.

Coach King said of the match, "The team staged a great comeback, being down 2-1 after the doubles matches, and at one point down 4-1. Eileen, Lindsay and Ginger provided great leadership for the team. Overall, the team dealt well with the adversary on campus, and performed as well as any team pulling through a tough match."

This coming weekend the team participates in the UCAA's at William Smith, with the New York States at Cornell.

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Who is baseball's best player? Bonds--Barry Bonds

Sitting in a college dorm much similar to the rooms at Hamilton this past fall recess, I was asked the question, "Brett, who do you think is the MVP of the whole baseball season?"

In a year in which it seems almost impossible to guess the next World Series champion, it also seems difficult to choose the MVP. With all the September heroes, and the great numbers of Jason Giambi, Alex Rodriguez, Jeff Kent, and Vladimir Guerrero, the task of choosing seems arduous. The solution, in all actuality, is quite easy.

Barry Bonds is the best baseball player that we have seen in our lifetimes. A bold statement? Without a doubt. An arguable one? Definitely. An incorrect statement? Not at all.

In a career that began during the season that the ball dribbled through Buckner's legs, Bonds has been a star since the start.

He has gone from a free-swinging, raw ballplayer, to perhaps the most polished all around talent since Roberto Clemente.

In his first season he struck out 102 times in only 113 games, since then he has improved those numbers.

Since his rookie year he has not struck out more than 100 times in a season, while walking over 100 times on 8 different occasions.

Since 1990 his numbers have been eye-popping. During the '90's Bonds never hit less than 25 home runs, and, minus two injury-shortened seasons, never drove in less than 100 runs.

He has stolen almost as many bases in his career (471) as he has hit home runs (494). He has stolen bases at about an astonishing 80% clip. His career on-base percentage is an incredible .412.

He scored over 100 runs eight different times in the '90's. Bonds will hit the illustrious 500 home run mark next season, and, at the age of 36, will likely give 600 a run. With remarkable health, he could attack Willie Mays' total of 660.

BRETT ZALASKI

The Point After

Bonds is a three-time (soon to be four-time) National League MVP. He is a nine-time All-Star. He is an eight-time Gold Glove winner. Bonds was voted the Player of the '90's by Sporting News, as he received MVP votes every single year of the decade.

He is the only player in Major League history with over 400 homers and 400 steals. Bonds was only the second 40 homer, 40 steal in a season man in Major League history.

He is the only two-time 40 homer, 30 steal man in Major League history. Finally, Bonds is tied with his dad (Bobby Bonds) as the only 5-time 30 homer, 30 steal men in the history of baseball.

On top of all of those offensive marks, he is also considered one of the greatest defensive left fielders in the history of baseball. He is an eight-time Gold Glove winner. Only Greg Maddux and Ken Griffey, Jr. (10 each) have won more. He has had nine seasons of ten or more assists. He has never made more than six errors in a season.

"Awesome, Brett," you say, "but what does this have to do with this season's MVP?" To this, I respond, "A lot."

Despite all the aforementioned accolades, he is still underrated.

I was reading an article on the MVP chase on espn.go.com, and Bonds was not listed among the top five players in baseball for the year 2000.

That's like not ranking Keanu Reeves as one of the top five worst actors. What more does Bonds have to do?

In the 2000 season Bonds' numbers were the best of his illustrious career.

Despite the fact that injuries have slowed him a little, he still managed to endure to the tune of a .306 average, with 49 homers and 106 RBI's.

His on-base percentage was an incredible .440, and his slugging percentage was an eye-popping .688. Of batters with over 500 plate appearances, he led the league in homers per at-bat ratio.

My definition of an MVP, though, means not only having good statistics, but also being the best and most valuable player on a successful team.

In the year 2000, no team in baseball was more successful than the San Francisco Giants.

They were the only team with more then 95 wins (97), and hold home-field advantage throughout the course of the playoffs.

A common argument is what about Jeff Kent and Ellis Burks? They both are among the top players at their positions. The fact of the matter is Ellis Burks and Jeff Kent would be nowhere near the players they are today without Barry Bonds.

By hitting in front of them at the number three spot, Bonds reaches base almost once every two at-bats, giving both Burks and Kent better pitches to look at with a runner on-base.

While on base, Bonds is a high-percentage base stealing threat who makes the pitcher think twice before delivering to the plate.

His play in left field is far superior to that of Kent's at second, Burks' in center and right, and even that of all other MVP candidates at their respective positions.

The amazing thing about Bonds is that as he gets older, his batting statistics just get better.

He only played in 143 games this past year, and he managed 49 homers, just one less than Major League leader Sammy Sosa. Injuries due to age have caught up to Bonds, as he has played in less then 112 games two of the last five years.

When he plays though, he is unstoppable. He is the most difficult out in baseball. Of all the players in baseball today, I would most like to watch Barry Bonds.

Bonds is a five-tool superstar who will be the definition of a perfect left fielder for years to come.

The scary thing is, he is not done yet.

Women's Cross Country runs well, takes first in UCAA Championships

By Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team rebounded from a disappointing third place finish at the Purple Valley Classic by finishing first at the UCAA Championships in Rochester last weekend.

The team finished with a score of 43 points, 3 points ahead of St. Lawrence and 28 ahead of RPI.

Jen Cammarano '03 finished second overall for the second straight week with a time of 18:43, while Kate Nelson '01 continued her impressive rookie season by finishing fourth with a time of 18:43, which earned her UCAA Rookie of the Year honors. She and Cammarano both earned UCAA first team honors.

Sarah Bardenett '04 and Alyson Grant '04 finished tenth and eleventh, respectively, with times of 20:15 and 20:19, and earned UCAA second team honors.

Coach Ellen Hull said about the team's performance, "It was a great effort despite a hard week of practice, a sprained ankle, and miscellaneous injuries."

Finishing 16th in her first meet of the season because of an injury was Christine Campbell '04, with a time of 20:33. The pack of Annie Toth '02, Lauren Perkins '04, and co-captain Liz Guancial '01 finished 26th, 28th, and 31st respectively.

Guancial said about the meet, "The team ran well on probably the most difficult course we'll see this season. Fortunately the conditions were very good. Our times weren't as fast as usual because we trained through the meet."

The team looks to show its strength here tomorrow in the Hamilton Invitational against several teams from the NYSCTC, including SUNY Geneseo, Buffalo State, SUNY Oswego, and NYU.

This meet will provide even more opportunity for the Hamilton runners to improve their best times.

Hamilton, the 17th-ranked team in the country, also hopes to avenge its loss to SUNY Geneseo, ranked 16th nationally, which defeated the Continentals two weeks ago in the Purple Valley Classic.

More teams than usual are competing because the NYSCTC Championships will be held here in November, and they want to get an idea of what the course is like.

Guancial remarked, "Although this meet is important, the team is looking towards November and the more significant championship meets. Tomorrow will give us a good chance to see how far we've improved from the first meet of the season."

It will show the team how it compares to other NYSCTC teams, and it will also show the Continentals the level at which they are capable of competing.

Men's Cross Country places 3rd at UCAA's

By Fred Shear '03
SPORTS WRITER

This past weekend in Rochester the Hamilton men's cross country team took home third place at the UCAA Championships. Out of the eight team field, the Continentals finished behind St. Lawrence, who won handily, and R.P.I, who just nipped Hamilton for second place.

This was the second meet in a row in which the competition was tough. Last week, the Continentals placed eighth in the Williams Invitational.

The final results for the UCAA meet were as follows: St. Lawrence 22, R.P.I. 70, Hamilton 80, Rochester 95, Vassar 136,
Union 178, Clarkson 188, and Hobart 213.

Hamilton was led by an impressive performance by Mac Weiss '02, who crossed the finish line at 27 minutes and thirty four seconds. Weiss finished seventh overall out of seventy nine runners.

For his efforts, Weiss was named an all-UCAA selection. Weiss was somewhat pleased with his personal results and the team's results, but he thought the Continentals could have done better.

"I tried to stay in the middle of the pack and gradually pick off people. I did that and the next thing I knew I was all-UCAA. Everyone ran out fast, and it was tough to keep up the pace. We're not yet performing to the level that we are capable of. We will eventually, though."

Coach Brett Hull agreed, "This wasn't our best meet. We had gotten a bit tired over the last week. Still, we ran hard and ran a decent race. We'll just have to saddle it back up for next week."

Scott Taylor '01 was the second place finisher for the Continentals (13th overall). He is looking forward to next week's meet and thinks the team will be ready.

"All of us were a bit tired last weekend. But with the long weekend, we should be rested for our home meet next weekend."

Rounding out the top five finishers were John Damaske '02, 28:17, Nate Arnold '03, 28:25, and Ryan Murelli '02, 28:37. Other times included Sam Brown '01, 28:48, Paul Jones '03, 29:04, Steve Guditus '01, 29:20, Karl Bressler '01, 29:48, Andrew Matlack '03, 30:51, and Dan Leonard '03, 36:47.

This Saturday the Continentals will host the Hamilton Invitational at 11a.m. They feel the course will give them a 'home-field advantage.' The Continentals will be facing some of the better teams in New York State, including SUNY Brockport, R.I.T., and Geneseo. The Hamilton course is a great spectator course, and if you come out, there is a good chance you will see a very solid showing by the Continentals.

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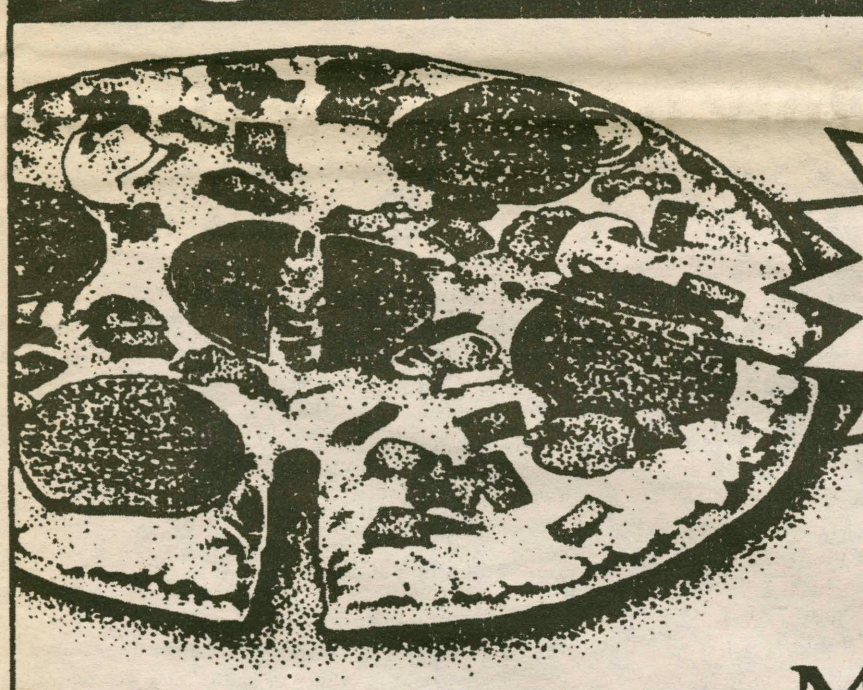

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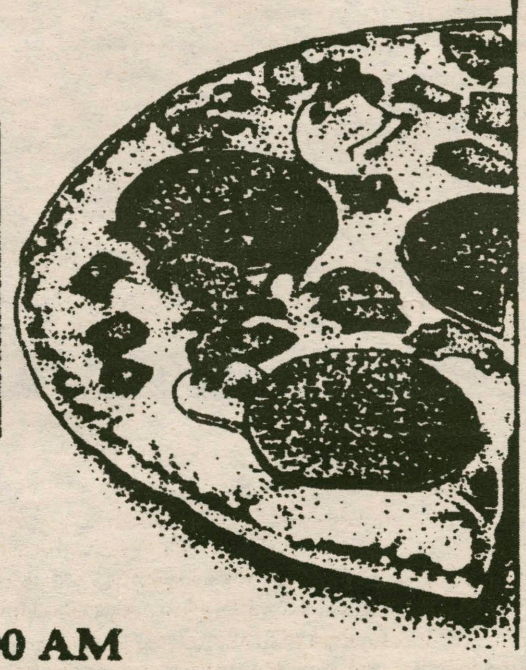

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Road Warriors: Men's Soccer completes undefeated road trip

By Andy Horner '03
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

The crowd is cheering, but you know that it isn't for you.

Everything that you do well is booed, and any mistake you make is met with enthusiastic cheers. Maybe your opponent has their own crazy fans in cow costumes, and they are loudly voicing their disapproval of your every move.

This is what it is like to play on the road. It isn't easy to tune out the hostile environment, and even less so to overcome your opponent and emerge victorious. However, victories on the road are exactly what the men's soccer team has achieved in its last two games.

A physical game against Vassar, which featured six yellow cards and one red card, saw the Continentals emerge with a hard-fought 2-0 victory. The very next day, Hamilton notched a 3-1 victory over a determined RPI team.

Once again, defense was the catalyst for Hamilton. In their match up with Vassar, Hamilton came out aggressively and outplayed their opponent thoroughly in the early going.

However, as the first half of play wound down, the gameremained knotted in a scoreless tie. Hamilton, despite dominating, had nothing to show for its efforts, but captain Chris Steed '01 soon would solve that problem.

With a little under ten minutes remaining in the half, Steed put one past the Vassar keeper on a fantastic unassisted goal.

The second half proved to be a physical, defensive struggle, as the Vassar team decided intimidation was the only way to gain an advantage on the Continentals. This method proved unproductive, as Vassar succeeded only in drawing numerous yellow cards, and even had a player ejected. Through all this, the Hamilton men remained calm, cool, and collected.

Hamilton maintained a one-goal lead, until they received a free kick with just over nine minutes to go in the game.

Nick Wilson '02 took the kick, and made a crisp pass to forward Dimitry Maurice '03. Maurice, who was double-teamed, flicked the ball to Hamilton's leading scorer, Sky Gellatly '03.

Gellatly then did to the Vassar keeper what he has been doing to keepers all over the UCAA; he fired a difficult shot from a tricky angle, and found nothing but the back of the net.

The goal put the game away for the Continentals, allowing them to turn their attention to the upcoming match at RPI.

If Hamilton was tired from the victory against Vassar, it certainly did not show. Just twenty seconds into the game against RPI, Hamilton forward Ernest Kwarteng '02 notched his second goal of the season on a beautiful unassisted goal.

The RPI crowd was stunned, as were the players themselves. However, RPI recovered to play Hamilton even for the next twenty minutes.

At the thirty-minute mark, RPI notched the first goal allowed by Hamilton in over 200 minutes. With the score suddenly tied at one, the Continentals once again needed someone to step up and provide some offense.

Gellatly once again found pay dirt, this time in the form of a skillful goal off of a precision pass by Chris Wallace '03.

Thus, as the first half came to a close, Hamilton held a 2-1 advantage. However, a highly entertaining play with just over thirty seconds to play would increase that margin.

On a throw in, Wilson launched the ball towards the goal. The Hamilton forwards went up in the air for a possible header, and the RPI goalie joined them in their pursuit of the ball.

This was a mistake, as the ball sailed over the Hamilton players, grazed the airborne goalie, and softly landed in the back of the net. Although the official scoring was an Own Goal, credit ought to go Wilson for having the ability to put the ball on goal from the sideline.

Hamilton emerged from its road weekend with two more wins, bringing the team record to 4-2-1.

The defense, which sparkled in both of the wins, received praise from captain Dave Bugliari '01, "The team's defense continues to systematically break teams down, rendering their offense useless. And if our defense does ever let anyone through, Huy Huynh ('03) and (goalie) Doug Bellard ('02) are there to smother any threats."

The defense, though led by Huynh and Bugliari, also features Andrew Paine '01 and Craig Lei '04, who have certainly proved vital in the tactical defensive scheme.

Paine especially has been a valuable contributor, using his height and strength to push opposing forwards off the ball.

Coach Perry Nizzi had accolades for Paine, "Andrew has really developed into a total player. His height advantage allows him to win balls in the air, and he has certainly been one of the stellar performers so far this season."

The offense has shone as well, led by Gellatly's breakout season. Kwarteng has also displayed an uncanny ability to put the ball in the net, and the two have supplied the vast majority of Hamilton's goals.

The play of Maurice has also been a key aspect to the Continental's success.

Due to his stellar offensive success last season, Hamilton opponents mark Maurice with their best defender, and often double-team him around the goal. Because of this, Maurice has had few scoring opportunities, and so he has become a distributor, racking up assists instead of goals.

Nizzi praised Maurice's adjustment, "Dimitry has become a flawless passer, and I think the rest of the team has benefited from it. And eventually people will stop doubling him, so that they can guard our other scorers. And then we'll be even more dangerous."

Indeed, Maurice has opened up the Hamilton offense, and will continue to do so as teams attempt to adjust to the stellar play of Gellatly and Kwarteng.

Furthermore, the Continentals boast a skilled bench, including Wilson, Nick Sarro-Waite '03, and others. Zachary Kurz '03, gauged the bench's contribution, "I think it is great that we have so many guys that can jump right into the game and have an impact."

Hamilton's smothering defense, combined with their offensive prowess, make the Continentals a difficult team for their conference opponents to match up against.

Although they trail SLU in the UCAA conference, Hamilton could virtually assure themselves a tournament berth by winning the remainder of their conference games.

With conference games against Skidmore and Union coming up, as well as a game against SUNY Brockport, Hamilton has an opportunity to gain ground on SLU and other conference rivals.

As long as the defense continues its superb play, and the offense continues to click, the Continentals will likely play entertaining and competitive soccer in the weeks to come.

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome **Sports Editors, Chris, Jim, or Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.**

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Indianapolis at New England 10/8	Colts	Colts	Colts	Patriots	Colts	Colts
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The Spectator Athlete of the Week: Dennis Murphy

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SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

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CONTRIBUTING SPORTS WRITER

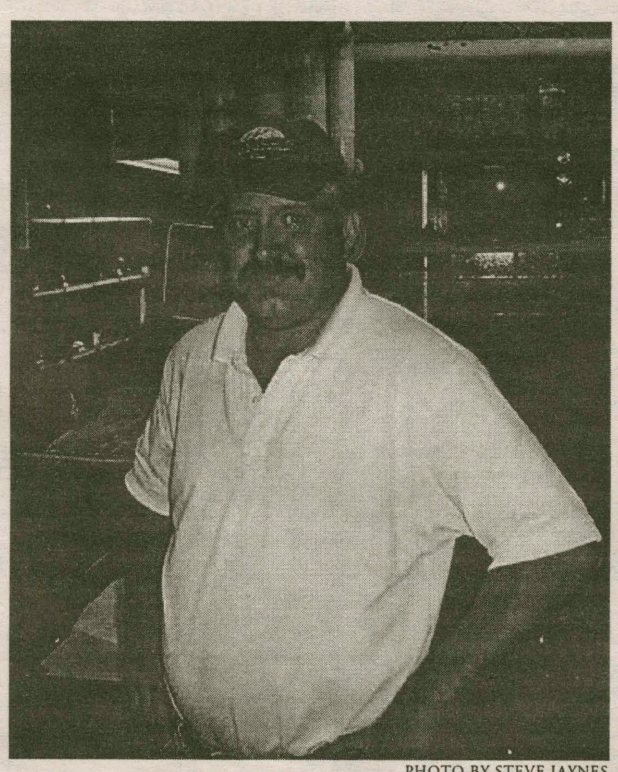
Many who are familiar with Hamilton athletics say Dennis Murphy is the most underappreciated member of the Hamilton community, yet he does so much for so many students.

For all those who have not been fortunate enough to meet "Murph," he is the equipment manager for all Hamilton athletic teams. Murphy is the man behind the scenes of the Hamilton athletic program.

"He is a great guy who does a tremendous job," said Athletic Director Tom Murphy. "He is a jack of all trades and the real Athletic Director. All the kids love him."

"Murph" has been at Hamilton for the past 24 years. His first 15 were with the athletic grounds crew and the last nine were in the place where we know him best, "the cage." Murphy's job isn't an easy one by any stretch of the imagination.

He is in the equipment room from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. six, and sometimes seven, days a week depending on the season and a team's schedule. These hours rival any coach in the height of their respective seasons, yet he does it all year. Perhaps the most unbelievable feat is that Murphy runs the "cage" basically by himself, relying only on the help of three students.



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Dennis Murphy stands watch in "the cage."

Many NESCAC schools have two and sometimes three full-time workers in their respective equipment rooms. Hamilton has 28 varsity teams and several club sports, not to mention numerous JV programs. Even with all those duties he still does his job with a great deal of pride and, more importantly, a smile.

No matter how bad your day has been it's a guarantee that from only a minute of interaction with "Murph" he will have you feeling good. He cares about each individual athlete and it seems as though each person associated with Murph has their own unique relationship with him.

Over his 24 years on "The Hill" Murphy has witnessed the college evolve into what it is today. Athletically speaking Murphy claims that he has not seen much change in the Hamilton athlete.

"They are still as dedicated and motivated as ever and more importantly they are all good kids."

However, he did say that he has seen a decline in the number of IM participants. When we asked if there was one athelete that stood out in his mind he said it was definitely John Cavanaugh '87.

"John stands out in my mind because of his great work ethic and the fact that he was a great guy."

Cavanaugh went on to become the first player selected in the 1987 CBA draft. Murphy said he has had many great memories while here at Hamilton and he has made many close friends. However, his best memory was when Hamilton football beat Union in 1982 10-3 in the final seconds of the game before 5,000 people.

It is hard to quantify all that Murphy does for Hamilton and its athletic programs, especially in an article such as this. Moreover, it is hard to measure what he does for each individual. However, there is something that we can do each and every day to make his job a lot easier: say thank you.

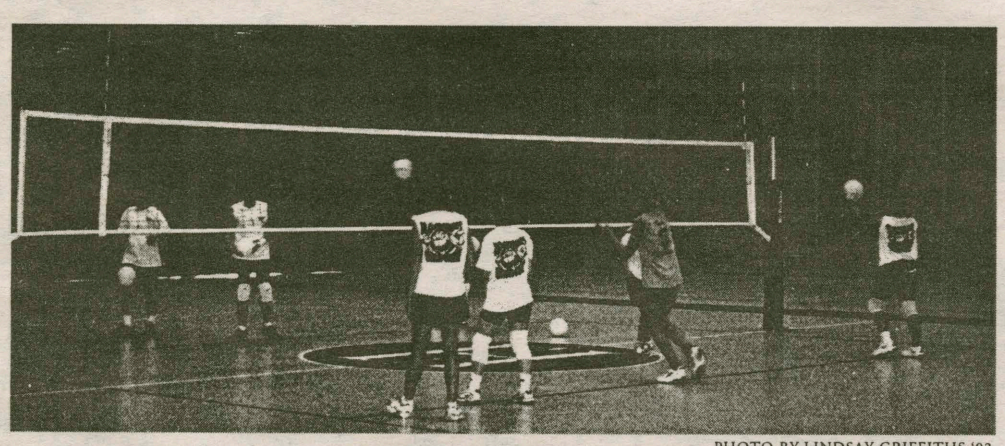
Thank you Mr. Murphy for your hard work, your commitment to Hamilton, and most importantly, for your generosity and kindness.

Healthy again, volleyball defeats Oswego

By Chris Preston '03
SPORTS EDITOR

Coming off three consecutive losses to Clarkson, Union, and SUNY Cortland, the women's vollleyball team knew exactly what they needed to get back on track—health. As is the case with all teams in all sports, health can be a major obstacle to a successful season. Sometimes taken for granted, health can suddenly become a team's biggest opponent when it involves the loss of players for an extended period of time.

The volleyball team's issues with health began with the shoulder injury to setter Melissa Stoos '04 and worsened with the ankle injury to hitter Kate Clark '02, who has perhaps been the Continentals' most valuable player so far this year. These injuries left the team at about 80 percent strength in those previous three contests, which was a big reason why they all resulted in losses.



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The volleyball team makes some last minute preparations for this weekend's NESCAC Quad which will be held at Bates College in Maine.

This past weekend, however, both Clark and Stoos were back healthy which meant the Continentals were at full strength for the first time in weeks. Coach Keller emphasized the importance of their return, "Getting everyone back healthy allows us to get our good team chemistry back."

So, with their health and chemistry back, the Continentals immediately disposed of the first team that got in their way, SUNY Oswego, 3-0 (15-2, 15-6, 15-12) last Saturday.

Unfortunately, in their next game against Nazareth (also on Saturday), they ran up against former Division 1 player Krista Downey, who helped dismantle the Continentals for a 0-3 (0-15, 6-15, 12-15) defeat.

"There is no one else in the league like (Downey)," Coach Keller said. "She's a power hitter and the best player we will see all year."

Despite the loss to the Downey-led Nazareth team the volleyball team salvaged a split on the road and successfully stopped the bleeding left over from their injury-riddled three game losing streak.

In her first games back Clark led the way with 15 kills and 20 digs on the weekend, while outside hitter Barb Dalgish '02, who in place of Clark the week before had been nominated for NESCAC player of the week honors, added 15 kills of her own along with 18 digs. The team now has an overall record of 6-9.

So now, with the volleyball team finally back at full strength, the question is whether it is too late for the Continentals to regroup and make a run. Stoos certainly did not think so, "We're optimistic about the rest of the season."

Coach Keller agreed, "I'm not disappointed in this team at all. Kate Clark's injury allowed Barb Dalgish to improve at hitter to the point where both she and Clark are about even. Heather Onderick ('02) is coming along as well."

The mark of a good team is one that can fill holes when players, such as Stoos and Clark, go down. Players who began the season as comlementary players or, as they are sometimes referred to, "role" players are suddenly forced into the spotlight and must assume a larger role. Dalgish, for one, did this to perfection.

During Clark's absence she stepped up as the main hitter on the Continentals' offensive front, and in the process improved her game to the point where the team now has two players they can rely on to come up with kills in crucial spots.

This will be important as the team again begins to face the taller NESCAC foes. Hamilton now boasts an offensive front much improved from the last time they faced NESCAC competition.

This weekend the Continentals travel to Bates for the NESCAC Quad in which they will face the host school, Colby, and Bowdoin. The team will try to improve on its 2-2 record in NESCAC play and, perhaps more importantly, discover where they stack up against league opponents heading into NESCAC Championships in less than a month.

One thing is for sure: health is no longer an issue.

Golf team places fourth at NESCAC's

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The Hamilton College golf team ended its fall season this past weekend in Middlebury, Vermont at the NESCAC championship. The team finished in fourth place behind Williams, who won the championship, Middlebury and Amherst, both of whom tied for second. It was a strong showing for the Continentals, who were ranked seventh in the preseason district poll.

Matt DiRamio '01 and Tyler Leach '02 led Hamilton on the links this weekend. Diramio, whose terrific career at Hamilton was capped this season when he was named co-UCAA player of the year, struggled in his first round with an 85. However, he came back strong the next day with a 79.

Leach, on the other hand, played consistently. On both days he fired an 81 and led the team with a two-day total of 162. Leach's consistency throughout the season was recognized this week when he was named to the All-NESCAC second team.

In his first season as head golf coach, Mike Byrnes was happy with the team's performance throughout the season. He said, "Overall, it was a promising fall. However, we will need good play from our four and five men if we wish to compete with Skidmore, Williams, and Middlebury this spring."

The NESCAC championship wraps up the Continentals fall schedule. However, this weekend DiRamio has been invited to Saratoga State Park Spa to compete in the ECAC Championships.

Sports

Football prepares for home opener against Trinity

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For the second straight week, the Hamilton Continentals were unsuccessful in bringing their new coach Tim Pendergast his first victory.

After a 30-0 loss two weeks ago to Amherst, the football team suffered a similar fate this past weekend 20-3 to Wesleyan.

The offense has struggled through the first two games, while the defense has performed well. Offensively, quarterback Mike Pellman '02 has been inconsistent. He has not thrown a touchdown in either of the first two games and has thrown four interceptions.

Pellman took over this season for Robbie Peters who graduated after three seasons at the helm. Peters had a difficult senior season and the team finished 0-8, but set a number of passing records at Hamilton, including most completions in a game during the 1998 season.

"We're closer than you think," said head coach Tim Pendergast when questioned about his offense. "It's usually one player here or two players there that are violating the offense. The offensive system is new and it takes time to come together."

Running the ball has also not been easy for the Continentals. Chris McCarthy has done well at times, but the entire offense has struggled. Teams have keyed on stopping the Continental running game, and McCarthy has not been able to get many big holes to run through.

If there was a bright spot on offense last weekend, it was receiver Tom Bradley '04, who had three catches for 35-yards. He made an important grab on third-down that kept Hamilton's lone scoring drive alive.

PHOTO BY ERIN WATERS '01

Defense has not been the problem thus far for the Continental football team.

"Our offense showed signs that it has the ability to move the ball on anyone in the league," said Bradley. "We are really close to clicking."

The defensive line and linebackers have displayed tremendous resolve early in the season. Ron Thomas '01 has recorded 15 tackles and three sacks through two games, while newcomer Lewis Boyd '02 tallied 10 ten tackles and three and half sacks. Thomas, Boyd, and Scott Thompson '01 have anchored the defensive line. Thompson has finally gotten an opportunity to play consistently and has not disappointed with five sacks in two games.

Ryan Nolan '02 and Harry Hristoforatos '02 have made the linebacking corps a force. Nolan leads the team in tackles with 18, while Hristoforatos has nine and a half tackles. The defense has caused plenty of turnovers and has kept opposing offenses from moving the ball consistently on Hamilton.

The only weekness in the Continental defense may be at cornerback, which was exploited by the last two weeks. Chandler Long '03 and fellow corner Marcus Juba '03 should expect to see action this week as Trinity is averaging 235 passing yards per game.

Pendergast is quick to caution about high expectations for his defense, "I'm encouraged by the play of the defense but they still have more work to do. We gave up three explosive plays last week against Wesleyan and five the week before, that's just too many."

The defense only allowed 204 total yards to Wesleyan, and limited Wesleyan's two quarterbacks to 83 yards passing on the afternoon.

As Pendergast searches for his first victory this week against the Bantams, he also is trying to find a way to get some offense. The Continentals lost 31-17 to Trinity last season and looks to avoid the same result Saturday.

Trinity brings a powerful offense into Clinton. Running back Brian Fabrizio finished second in rushing in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) in 1999 with 743 yards.

Fabrizio also had four touchdowns in the Bantams' 46-34 victory over Bates two weeks ago. Trinity lost to Williams last week 23-0 and Fabrizio was held to 71 yards rushing on 17 carries.

The Continentals were blanked in their last game of 1999, 28-0 to Bates. This season they have been outscored 50-3 in two contests. The team has not had a winning season since 1996 and they have not won a game since November 14, 1998 against Bates.

The Continentals will face Bowdoin next weekend and hope to garner that elusive first victory.

Women's Soccer's winning streak ends with loss to nationally ranked SUNY Oneonta

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The women's soccer team completed a big weekend, earning two conference wins, but didn't quite have enough to fight off nationally ranked Oneonta on Tuesday. After defeating Vassar and RPI, the Continentals have a conference mark of 3-1, and broke into the regional rankings at #6.

"Both Vassar and RPI are very physical teams, and pretty skilled as well. At this point we just need to take each game at a time, and keep playing well," said coach Melissa Eging.

The Continentals came out of the box fired up against Oneonta on Tuesday, playing very tough for most of the first half. They controlled the ball for the majority of the half, but with 11 minutes left, an Oneonta forward took the ball up the strong side and surprised the Hamilton defense by crossing it to the weak side.

Keeper Brenna Chiaputti '02 dove and missed, and the Oneonta forward did not. The goal took seemed to take some of the wind out of the Continentals' sails, as the second half saw Hamilton come out flat. The score remained 1-0, as the Conts dropped to 6-2 on the year.

Back Whitney Kingsbury '02 said, "We had an overall lack of intensity and we let them determine the style of play. All we can do is learn from our mistakes and get focused for William Smith this weekend."

Forward Carissa Baritell '03 added, "We didn't create a lot of scoring opportunities for ourselves, most of the game was played at the midfield. We need to play well against William Smith this weekend and put the ball in the back of the net."

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

The women's soccer team was surrounded all day by the suffocating Oneonta defense.

Friday's contest against Vassar, who is new this season to the conference, was a well-played game for the Conts. The defense was very effective throughout, erasing any scoring opportunities for Vassar.

Paula Dady '03 and Amanda Siepiola '02 provided the offense for Hamilton once again, with Dady striking first about halfway through the first half, and Siepiola adding the insurance marker in the second. Both have five goals on the year to lead the squad which has outscored its opponents by a 16-4 margin on the year. Chiaputti also recorded the lone shutout for the Conts in the 2-0 win.

The RPI game on Saturday involved some strange coaching from the Hawks' sideline. A game that was physical throughout saw the Continentals carry a 2-0 lead to the 20 minute mark in the second half. Then, RPI pulled the goalie to add another attacker on offense.

"Our girls weren't sure how to react, nobody had really seen it done before in outdoor," said Coach Eging.

RPI played very aggressively with the extra player, keeping the ball deep in the Hamilton zone for the remainder of the game. The Hawks put one in the back of the net to pull within one, but it wasn't quite enough, as Hamilton hung on 2-1.

Eging added, "Our only real conference tests left are William Smith this weekend for Fallcoming and then Union a little bit down the road, so 6-2 is looking pretty good so far."

Scoreboard

Men's Soccer
4-2-1
Women's Soccer
6-2
Football
0-2
Men's Cross Country
2nd at UCAA's
Women's Cross Country
1st at UCAA's
Field Hockey
1-6
Women's Tennis
5-2
Volleyball
6-9
Golf
4th at NESCAC's
Crew
0-0